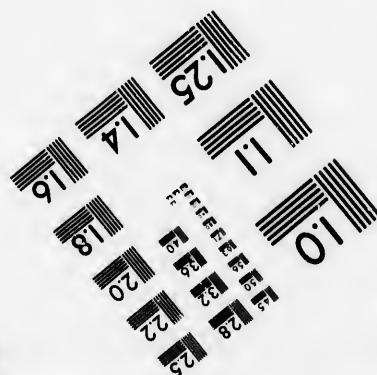
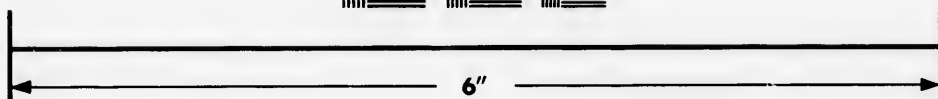
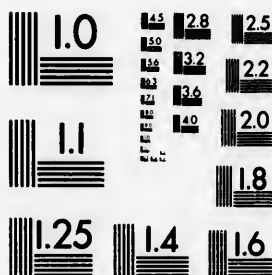


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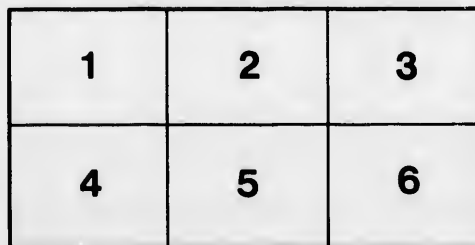
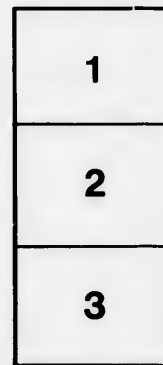
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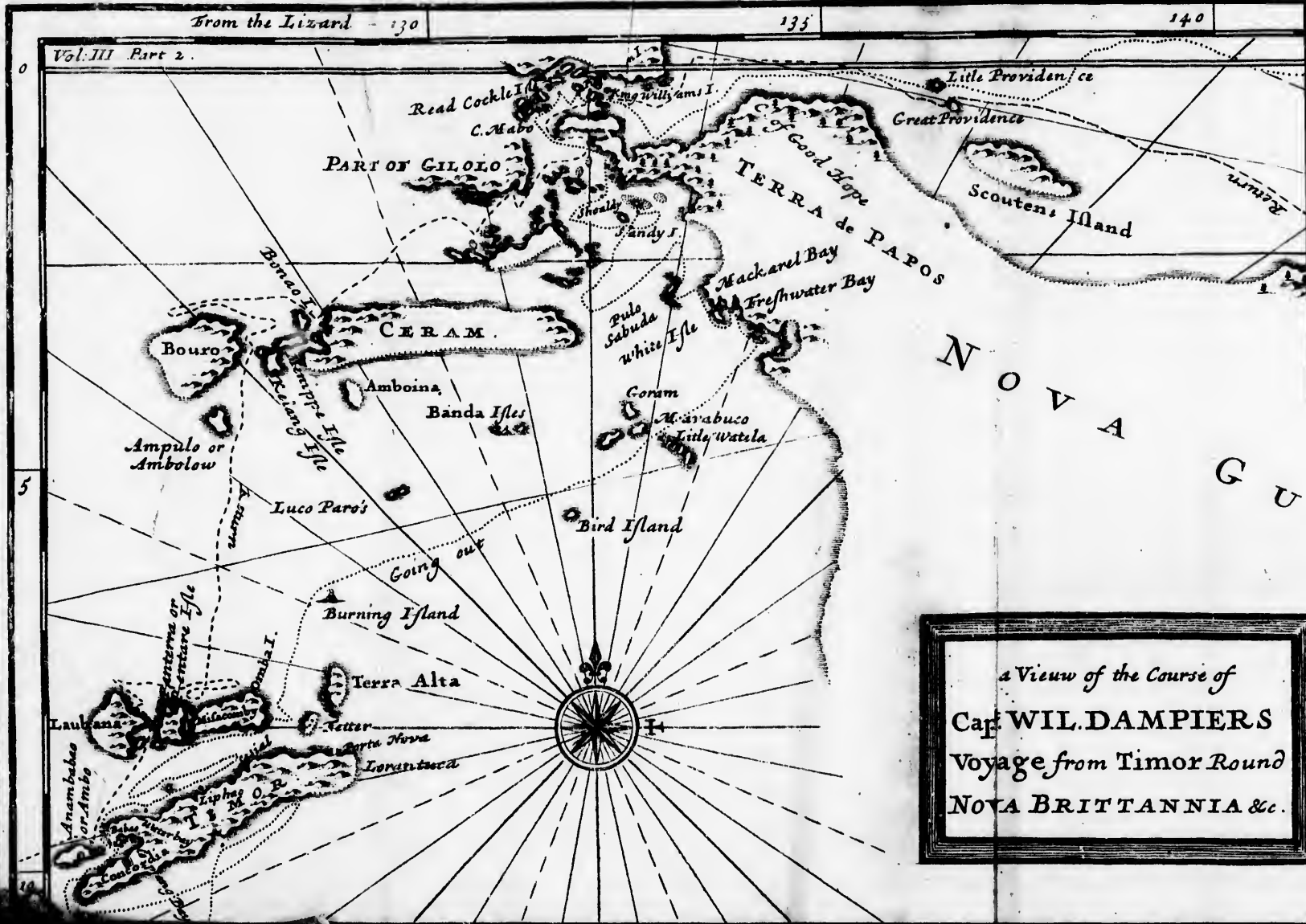
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ficial for Navigation, Trade, or Settlement; or be of use to any who should prosecute the same Designs hereafter; to whom it might be serviceable to have so much of their work done to their hands; which they might advance and perfect by their own repeated Experiences; as there is no Work of this kind brought to perfection at once. I intended especially to observe what Inhabitants I should meet with, and to try to win them over to somewhat of Traffick and useful Intercourse, as there might be Commodities among any of them that might be fit for Trade or Manufacture, or any found out in which they might be employed. Though as to the *New Hollanders* hereabouts, by the Experience I had had of their Neighbours formerly, I expected no great matters from them.

With such Views as these, I set out at first from *England*; and would, according to the Method I proposed formerly [Vol. I.] have gone Westward, through the *Magellanick* Streight, or round *Terra del Fuego* rather, that I might have begun my Discoveries upon the Eastern and least known side of the *Terra Australis*. But that way 'twas not possible for me to go, by reason of the time of Year in which I came out: For I must have been compassing the South of *America* in a

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For these Reasons therefore I chose to coast along to the Northward, and so to the East, and so thought to come round by the South of *Terra Australis* in my return back, which should be in the Summer-season there : And this Passage back also I now thought I might possibly be able to shorten, should it appear, at my getting to the East Coast of *New Guinea*, that there is a Channel there coming out into these Seas, as I now suspected, near *Rosemary Island* : Unless the high Tides and great Indraught thereabout should be occasion'd by the Mouth of some large River ; which hath often low Lands on each side of its Outlet, and many Illands and Sholes lying at its Entrance. But I rather thought it a Channel or Streight, than a River : And I was afterwards confirmed in this Opinion, when, by coasting *New Guinea*, I found that other parts of this great Tract of *Terra Australis*, which had hitherto been represented as the Shore of a Continent, were certainly Illands ; and 'tis probably the same with *New Holland* : Though for Reasons I shall afterwards shew, I could not return by the way I propos'd to my self, to fix the Discovery. All that I had now seen from the
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But to proceed with my Voyage.
Though the Land I had seen as yet, was
not very inviting, being but barren to-
wards the Sea, and affording me neither
fresh Water, nor any great store of other
Refreshments, nor so much as a fit place
for careening; yet I stood out to Sea a-
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long Shore (as near as I could) to the
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ry of it: Perswading my self, that at
least the place I anchor'd at in my *Voyage*
round the World, in the Latitude of 16
deg. 15 min. from which I was not now
far distant, would not fail to afford me
sweet Water upon digging, as it did
then; For the brackish Water I had ta-
ken in here, though it serv'd tolerably
well for boiling, was yet not very whol-
some.

With these Intentions I put to Sea on
the 5th of *September 1699*, with a gentle
Gale, sounding all the way; but was
quickly induc'd to alter my design. For

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I had not been out above Day, but I found that the Sholes among which I was engaged all the while on the Coast, and was like to be engag'd in, would make it a very tedious thing to sail along by the Shore, or to put in where I might have occasion. I therefore edged farther off to Sea, and so deepned the Water from eleven to thirty-two Fathom. The next day, being *September* the 6th, we could but just discern the Land, though we had then no more than about thirty Fathom, uncertain Soundings; For even while we were out of sight of Land, we had once but seven Fathom, and had also great and uncertain Tides whirling about, that made me afraid to go near a Coast so shallow, where we might be soon a-ground, and yet have but little Wind to bring us off: For should a Ship be near a Shole, she might be hurl'd upon it unavoidably by a strong Tide, unless there should be a good Wind to work her and keep her off. Thus also on the seventh day we saw no Land, though our Water decreas'd again to twenty-six Fathom; for we had deepned it, as I said, to thirty.

This Day we saw two Water-snakes, different in shape from such as we had formerly seen. The one was very small, though long; the other long and as big

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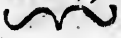
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as a Mans Leg, having a red Head; ^{An. 1699.} which I never saw any have, before or since. We had this Day, Lat. 16 d. 9m. by Observation.

I was by this time got to the North of the Place I had thought to have put in at, where I dug Wells in my former Voyage; and though I knew by the Experience I had of it then, that there was a deep entrance in thither from the Eastward; yet by the Shoals I had hitherto found so far stretcht on this Coast, I was afraid I should have the same Trouble to coast all along afterwards beyond that place: And besides the danger of running almost continually amongst Shoals on a strange Shore, and where the Tides were strong and high; I began to be-think my self, that a great part of my Time must have been spent in beating about a Shore I was already almost weary off, which I might employ with greater satisfaction to my mind, and better hopes of success, in going forward to *New Guinea*. Add to this the particular danger I should have been in upon a Lee-Shore, such as is here describ'd, when the North-West Monsoon should once come in; the ordinary season of which was not now far off, though this Year it staid beyond the common season: And it comes on storming at first, with Tor-nadoes,

An. 1699.  nadoes, violent Gusts, &c. Wherefore quitting the thoughts of putting in again at *New Holland*, I resolv'd to steer away for the Island *Timor*; where, besides getting fresh Water, I might probably expect to be furnished with Fruits, and other Refreshments to recruit my Men, who began to droop; some of them being already to my great grief, afflicted with the Scurvy, which was likely to increase upon them and disable them, and was promoted by the Brackish Water they took in last for boiling their Oatmeal. 'Twas now also towards the latter end of the dry season; when I might not probably have found Water so plentifully upon Digging at that part of *New Holland*, as when I was there before in the wet season. And then, considering the time also that I must necessarily spend in getting in to the Shore, through such Shoals as I expected to meet with; or in going about to avoid them; and in digging of Wells when I should come thither: I might very well hope to get to *Timor*, and find fresh Water there, as soon as I could expect to get it at *New Holland*; and with less trouble and danger.

On the 8th of *September* therefore, shaping our Course for *Timor*, we were in Lat. 15 d. 37 m. We had twenty six fathom,

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since we came out of *Sharks Bay*. This
was one sign of the approach of the
North-North-West Monsoon. Another
sign was the shifting of the Winds ; for
from the time of our coming to our last
Anchoring place, the Sea-Breezes which
before were Easterly and very strong,
had been whiffing about and changing
gradually from the East to the North,
and thence to the West, blowing but
faintly, and now hanging mostly in some
point of the West. This Day the Winds
were at South-West by West, blowing
very faint ; and the 9th day we had
the Wind at North-West by North,
but then pretty fresh ; and we saw the
Clouds rising more and thicker in the
North West. This night at twelve we
lay by for a small low sandy Island,
which I reckoned my self not far from.
The next morning at Sun-rising we saw
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of us ; and at noon were up within a
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lye in 13 d. 50 m. We had abundance of Boobies and *Man of War* Birds flying about us all the Day; especially when we came near the Island; which had also abundance of them upon it; though it was but a little spot of Sand, scarce a Mile round.

I did not anchor here, nor send my Boat ashore; there being no appearance of getting any thing on that spot of Sand, besides Birds that were good for little: Though had I not been in haste, I would have taken some of them. So I made the best of my way to *Timor*; and on the 11th in the afternoon we saw ten small Land-birds, about the bigness of Larks, that flew away North West. The 13th we saw a great many Sea-snakes. One of these, of which I saw great Numbers and Variety in this Voyage, was large, and all black: I never saw such another for his Colour.

We had now had for some days small Gales, from the South South West to the North North West, and the Sky still more cloudy, especially in the Mornings and Evenings. The 14th it look'd very black in the North West all the day; and a little before Sun-set we saw, to our great Joy, the tops of the high Mountains of *Timor*, peeping out of the
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We were now running directly towards the middle of the Island, on the South side : But I was in some doubt whether I should run down along Shore on this South-side towards the East-end ; or pass about the West-end, and so range along on the North-side, and go that way towards the East-end : But as the Winds were now Westerly, I thought it best to keep on the South-side, till I should see how the Weather would prove ; For, as the Island lies, if the Westerly Winds continued and grew tempestuous, I should be under the Lee of it, and have smooth Water, and so could go along shore more safely and easily on this South-side : I could sooner also run to the East-end, where there is the best shelter, as being still more under the Lee of the Island when those Winds blow. Or if, on the other side, the Winds should come about again to the Eastward, I could but turn back again, (as I did afterwards;) and passing about the West-end, could there prosecute my search on the North side of the Island for Water, or Inhabitants, or a good Harbour, or whatever might be useful to me. For both sides of the Island were hitherto alike to me, being wholly unacquainted

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acquainted here ; only as I had seen it at a distance in my former Voyage. [See Vol. I. pag. 460.]

I had heard also, that there were both *Dutch* and *Portugueze* Settlements on this Island ; but whereabouts, I knew not : However, I was resolved to search about till I found, either one of these Settlements, or Water in some other place.

It was now almost Night, and I did not care to run near the Land in the dark, but clapt on a Wind, and stood off and on till the next Morning, being *September 15th*, when I steered in for the Island, which now appear'd very plain, being high, double and treble Land, very remarkable, on whatever side you view it. See a sight of it in two parts, *Table V. N°. 1. aa.* At three in the Afternoon we anchored in fourteen fathom, soft black oasy ground, about a Mile from the Shore. See two sights more of the Coast, in *Table V. N°. 2. 3.* and the Island it self in the *Particular Map* ; which I have here inserted, to shew the Course of the Voyage from hence to the Eastward ; as the *General Map*, set before the Title *Vol. III. Par. I.* shews the Course of the whole Voyage. But in making the *Particular Map*, I chose to begin only with *Timor*, that I might not, by extending it too far, be forced

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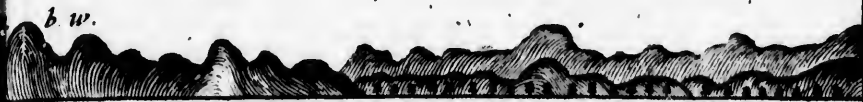
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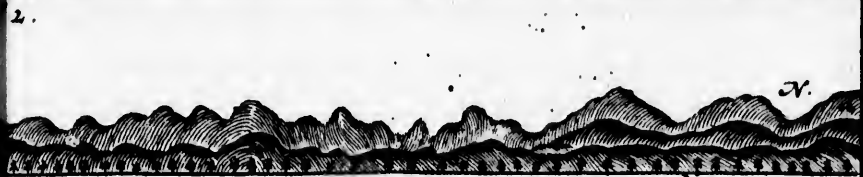
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The Land by the Sea, on this South side, is low and sandy, and full of tall Streight-bodied Trees like Pines, for about two hundred Yards inwards from the Shore. Beyond that, further in towards the Mountains, for a Breadth of about three Miles more or less, there is a Tract of swampy Mangrovy Land, which runs all along between the sandy Land of the Shore on one side of it, and the Feet of the Mountains on the other. And this low Mangrovy Land is overflowed every Tide of Flood, by the Water that flows into it through several Mouths or Openings in the outer sandy Skirt against the Sea. We came to an Anchor right against one of these Openings; and presently I went in my Boat to search for fresh Water, or get speech of the Natives; for we saw Smoaks, Houses, and Plantations against the sides of the Mountains, not far from us. It was ebbing Water before we got ashore, though the Water was still high enough to float us in without any great Trouble. After we were within the Mouth, we found a large Salt-Water Lake, which we hoped might bring us up through
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the Mangroves to the fast Land : But before we went further, I went ashore on the sandy Land by the Sea side, and look'd about me ; but saw there no sign of fresh Water. Within the sandy Bank, the Water forms a large Lake : Going therefore into the Boat again, we rowed up the Lake towards the firm Land, where no doubt there was fresh Water, could we come at it. We found many Branches of the Lake entring within the Mangrove Land, but not beyond it. Of these we left some on the Right-hand, and some on the Left, still keeping in the biggest Channel ; which still grew smaller, and at last so narrow, that we could go no farther, ending among the Swamps and Mangroves. We were then within a Mile of some Houses of the *Indian* Inhabitants, and the firm Land by the sides of the Hills ; But the Mangroves thus stopping our way, we return'd as we came : But it was almost dark before we reach'd the Mouth of the Creek. 'Twas with much ado that we got out of it again ; for it was now low Water, and there went a rough short Sea on the Bar ; which, however, we past over without any damage, and went aboard.

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Accordingly, the 18th about Noon I altered my Course, and steered back again towards the South-West end of the Island. This day we struck a Dolphin; and the next day saw two more, but struck none: We also saw a Whale.

In the Evening we saw the Island *Rotee*, and another Island to the South of it, not seen in my Map; both lying near the South-West end of *Timor*. On both these Islands we saw Smoaks by Day,

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Day, and Fires by Night, as we had seen on *Timor* ever since we fell in with it. I was told afterwards by the *Portuguese*, that they had Sugar-works on the Island *Rotee*; but I knew nothing of that now; and the Coast appearing generally dry and barren, only here and there a Spot of Trees, I did not attempt Anchoring there, but stood over again to the *Timor* Coast.

September the 21st, in the Morning, being near *Timor*, I saw a pretty large Opening, which immediately I entred with my Ship, founding as I went in: But had no ground till I came within the East point of the Mouth of the Opening, where I Anchored in nine Fathom, a League from the Shore. The distance from the East side to the West side of this Opening, was about five Leagues. But whereas I thought this was only an Inlet or large Sound that ran a great way into the Island *Timor*, I found afterwards that it was a Passage between the West end of *Timor* and another small Island called *Anamabao* or *Anabao*: Into which Mistake I was led by my Sea-Chart, which represented both sides of the Opening as parts of the same Coast, and called all of it *Timor*: See all this rectified, and a View of the whole Passage.

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I designed to Sail into this Opening till I should come to firm Land ; for the Shore was all set thick with Mangroves here by the Sea, on each side ; which were very green, as were also other Trees more within Land. We had now but little Wind ; therefore I sent my Boat away, to sound, and to let me know by signs what depth of Water they met with, if under eight Fathom ; but if more, I order'd them to go on, and make no signs. At eleven that Morning, having a pretty fresh Gale, I weighed, and made Sail after my Boat ; but edg'd over more to the West shore, because I saw many smaller Openings there, and was in hopes to find a good Harbour where I might secure the Ship: For then I could with more safety send my Boats to seek for fresh Water. I had not sailed far, before the Wind came to the South-East and blew so strong, that I could not with safety venture nearer that side, it being a Lee-shore. Besides, my Boat was on the East side of the *Timor* Coast ; for the other was, as I found afterwards, the *Anabao* Shore ; and the great Opening I was now in, was the Streight between that Island and *Timor* ; towards which I now tack'd and stood over.

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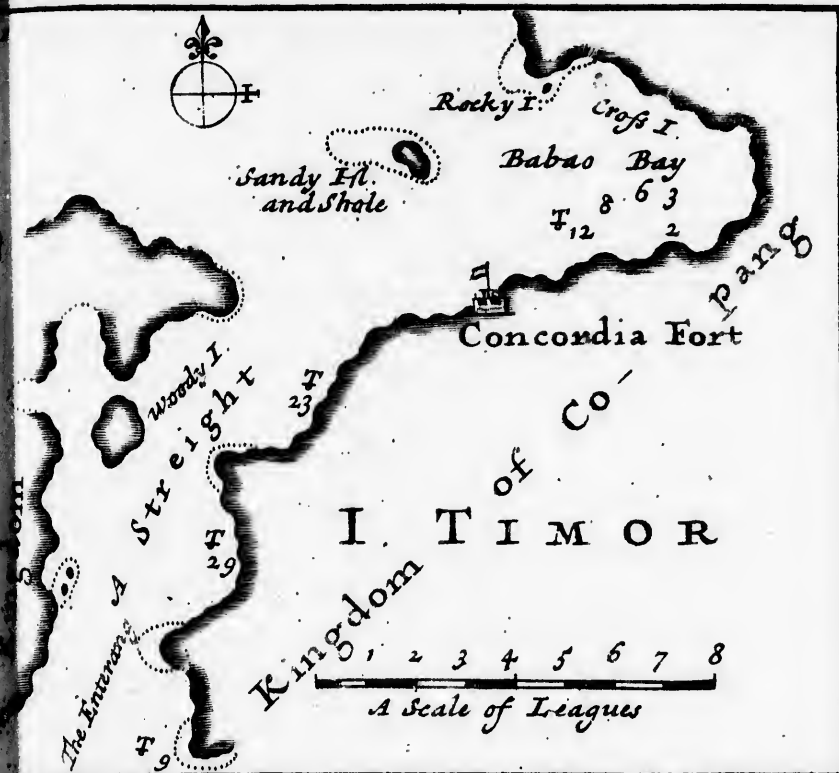
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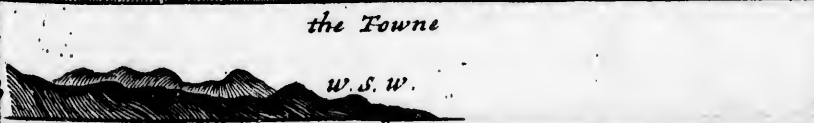
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Taking up my Boat therefore, I ran under the *Timor* side, and at three a Clock anchored in twenty-nine Fathom, half a Mile from the Shore. That part of the South-West Point of *Timor*, where we Anchored in the Morning, bore now South by West, distance three Leagues; And another Point of the Island bore North-North-East, distance two Leagues.

Not long after, we saw a Sloop coming about the Point last mention'd, with *Dutch* Colours; which I found, upon sending my Boat aboard, belonged to a *Dutch* Fort, (the only one they have in *Timor*) about 5 Leagues from hence, call'd *Concordia*. The Governour of the Fort was in the Sloop, and about forty Soldiers with him. He appear'd to be somewhat surpris'd at our coming this way; which it seems is a Passage scarce known to any but themselves; as he told the Men I sent to him in my Boat. Neither did he seem willing that we should come near their Fort for Water. He said also, that he did not know of any Water on all that part of the Island, but only at the Fort; and that the Natives would kill us, if they met us ashore. By the small Arms my Men carried with them in the Boat, they took us to be Pirates, and would not easily believe the Account my Men gave them

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of what we were, and whence we came. They said that about two Years before this, there had been a stout Ship of *French* Pirates here; and that after having been suffered to Water, and to refresh themselves, and been kindly used, they had on a sudden gone among the *Indians*, Subjects of the Fort, and plunder'd them and burnt their Houses. And the *Portugueze* here told us afterwards, that those Pirates, whom they also had entertain'd, had burnt their Houses, and had taken the *Dutch* Fort, (though the *Dutch* car'd not to own so much,) and had driven the Governour and Factory among the wild *Indians* their Enemies. The *Dutch* told my Men further, that they could not but think we had of several Nations (as is usual with Pirate Vessels) in our Ship, and particularly some *Dutch* Men, though all the Discourse was in *French*; (for I had not one who could speak *Dutch*;) Or else, since the common Draughts make no Passage between *Timor* and *Anabao*, but lay down both as one Island; they said they suspected we had plundered some *Dutch* Ship of their particular Draughts, which they are forbid to part with.

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The Island *Anamabao* or *Anabao*, is not very big, not exceeding ten Leagues in length, and four in breadth; yet it has two Kingdoms in it, viz. that of *Anamabao* on the East-side towards *Timor*, and the North-East end; and that of *Anabao*, which contains the South-West end and the West side of the Island: but I know not which of them is biggest. The Natives of both are of the *Indian* kind, of a swarthy Copper colour, with black lank Hair. Those of *Anamabao* are in League with the *Dutch*, as these afterwards told me, and with the Natives of the Kingdom of *Copang* in *Timor*,

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over-against them, in which the *Dutch* Fort *Concordia* stands : But they are said to be inveterate Enemies to their Neighbours of *Anabao*. Those of *Anabao*, besides managing their small Plantations of Roots and a few Coco-nuts, do fish, strike Turtle, and hunt Buffalo's ; killing them with Swords, Darts, or Lances. But I know not how they get their Iron ; I suppose, by Traffick with the *Dutch* or *Portuguese*, who send now and then a Sloop and trade thither, but well-arm'd ; for the Natives would kill them, could they surprize them. They go always armed themselves : And when they go a fishing or a hunting, they spend four or five Days or more in ranging about, before they return to their Habitation. We often saw them, after this, at these Employments : but they would not come near us. The Fish or Flesh that they take, besides what serves for present spending, they dry on a Barbacue or wooden Grate, standing pretty high over the Fire, and so carry it home when they return. We came sometimes afterwards to the places where they had Meat thus a drying, but did not touch any of it.


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coming to the end of this Passage, I found that if I went any farther I should be open again to the Sea. I therefore stood in close to the Shore on the East side, and Anchored in four Fathom Water, sandy ground; a point of Land still hindring me from seeing the Fort. But I sent my Boat to look about for it: and in a short time she returned, and my Men told me they saw the Fort, but did not go near it; and that it was not above four or five Miles from hence. It being now late, I would not send my Boat thither till the next Morning: Mean while about two or three hundred *Indians*, Neighbours of the Fort, and sent probably from thence, came to the sandy Bay just against the Ship; where they staid all Night, and made good Fires. They were armed with Lances, Swords and Targets, and made a great Noise all the Night: We thought it was to scare us from landing, should we attempt it: But we took little notice of them.

The next Morning, being *September* the 23d, I sent my Clerk ashore in my Pinnace to the Governour, to satisfy him that we were *English* Men, and in the *King's* Ship, and to ask Water of him; sending a young Man with him, who spake *French*. My Clerk was with the Governour pretty early; and in answer to

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them, would be contented if the Governour would send Water on Board where we lay, about two Leagues from the Fort ; and that I would make any reasonable satisfaction for it. The Governour said that we should have what Water we wanted, provided we came no nearer with the Ship : And ordered, that assoon as we pleased, we should send our Boat full of empty Casks, and come to an Anchor with it off the Fort, till he sent Slaves to bring the Casks ashore, and fill them ; for that none of our Men must come ashore. The same Afternoon I sent up my Boat as he had directed, with an Officer, and a Present of some Beer for the Governour ; which he would not accept of, but sent me off about a Tun of Water.

On the 24th in the Morning I sent the same Officer again in my Boat ; and about Noon the Boat returned again with the two principal Merchants of the Factory, and the Lieutenant of the Fort ; for whose security they had kept my Officer and one of my Boats-crew as Hostages, confining them to the Governour's Garden all the time : For they were very shy of trusting any of them to go into their Fort, as my Officer said : Yet afterwards they were not shy of our Company ; and I found that my Officer

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Officer maliciously endeavour'd to make them shy of me. In the Even I gave the *Dutch* Officers that come aboard, the best Entertainment I could ; and bestowing some Presents on them, sent them back very well pleased ; and my Officer and the other Man were returned to me. Next Morning I sent my Boat ashore again with the same Officer ; who brought me word from the Governour, that we must pay four *Spanish* Dollars, for every Boats-load of Water : But in this he spake falsly, as I understood afterwards from the Governour himself, and all his Officers, who protested to me that no such Price was demanded, but left me to give the Slaves what I pleased for their Labour : The Governour being already better satisfied about me, then when my Clerk spoke to him, or than that Officer I sent last would have caused him to be : For the Governour being a Civil, Gentile and Sensible Man, was offended at the Officer for his being so industrious to misrepresent me. I received from the Governour a little Lamb, very Fat ; and I sent him two of the *Guinea*-hens that I brought from *St Jago*, of which there were none here.

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 I not knowing to the contrary at present,
 consulted with my other Officers what
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and backward in most Busineses I had occasion to employ him in ; doing nothing well or willingly, though I did all I could to win him to it. He was also industrious to stir up the Sea-men to mutiny ; telling them, among other things, that any *Dutch* Ship might lawfully take us in these Seas : But I knew better, and avoided every thing that could give just offence.

The rest of my Officers therefore being resolved to go from hence, and having bought some Fish of some *Anama-beans*, who, seeing our Ship, came purposely to sell some, passing to and fro every Day ; I sail'd away on the 26th about five in the Afternoon. We pass'd along between a small low sandy Island (over against the Fort,) full of Bays and pretty high Trees ; sounding as we went along ; and had from twenty five to thirty five Fathom, oasy ground. See the *little Map of this Passage, Table VI. N^o. 1.*

The 27th in the Morning we Anchored in the middle of the Bay, called *Copang* Bay, in twelve Fathom, soft oaze, about four Leagues above the *Dutch* Fort. Their Sloop was riding by the Fort, and in the Night Fired a Gun ; but for what reason I know not ; and the Governour said afterwards, 'twas the
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Skippers own doing, without his Order. Presently after we had Anchored, I went in the Pinnacle to search about the Bay for Water, but found none. Then, returning-a-board, I weighed, and ran down to the North-Entrance of the Bay, and at seven in the Evening Anchored again, in thirty seven Fathom, soft oaze, close by the sandy Island, and about four Leagues from the *Dutch* Fort. The 28th I sent both my Boats ashore on the sandy Island, to cut Wood; and by Noon they both came back laden. In the Afternoon I sent my Pinnacle ashore on the North Coast or Point of *Copang* Bay, which is call'd *Babao*. Late in the Night they returned, and told me that they saw great Tracks of Buffalo's there, but none of the Buffalo's themselves; neither did they find any fresh Water. They also saw some green Turtle in the Sea, and one Alligator.

The 29th I went out of *Copang* Bay, designing to Coast it along Shore on the North side of *Timor* to the Eastward; as well to seek for Water, as also to acquaint my self with the Island, and to search for the *Portugueze* Settlements; which we were informed were about forty Leagues to the Eastward of this Place.

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We coasted along Shore with Land and Sea-Breezes. The Land by the Shore was of a moderate height, with high and very remarkable Hills farther within the Country; their sides all spotted with Woods and Savannahs. But these on the Mountains sides appeared of a rusty Colour, not so pleasant and flourishing as those that we saw on the South side of the Island; For the Trees seemed to be small and withering; and the Grass in the Savannahs also look'd dry, as if it wanted moisture. But in the Valleys, and by the Sea side, the Trees look'd here also more green. Yet we saw no good Anchoring-place, or Opening, that gave us any encouragement to put in; till the 30th day in the Afternoon.

We were then running along Shore, at about four Leagues distance, with a moderate Sea-breeze; when we opened a pretty deep Bay, which appeared to be a good Road to anchor in. There were two large Valleys, and one smaller one, which descending from the Mountains came all into one Valley by the Sea side against this Bay, which was full of tall green Trees. I presently stood in with the Ship, till within two Leagues of the Shore; and then sent in my Pinnace commanded by my chief Mate, whose great care, Fidelity, and Diligence, I was

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was well assured of; ordering him to seek for fresh Water; and if he found any, to sound the Bay, and bring me word what Anchoring there was; and to make haste aboard.

As soon as they were gone, I stood off a little, and lay by. The day was now far spent; and therefore it was late before they got ashore with the Boat: so that they did not come aboard again that Night. Which I was much concern'd at; because in the Evening, when the Sea-Breeze was done and the Weather calm, I perceived the Ship to drive back again to the Westward. I was not yet acquainted with the Tides here; for I had hitherto met with no strong Tides about the Island, and scarce any running in a stream, to set me along Shore either way. But after this time, I had pretty much of them; and found at present the Flood set to the Eastward, and the Ebb to the Westward. The Ebb (with which I was now carried) sets very strong, and runs eight or nine Hours. The Flood runs but weak, and at most lasts not above four hours; and this too is perceived only near the Shore; where checking the Ebb, it swells the Seas, and makes the Water rise in the Bays and Rivers eight or nine Foot. I was afterwards credibly informed by some *Portugueze*, that the Current runs

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always to the Westward in the Mid-Channel between this Island and those that face it in a Range to the North of it, viz. *Misicomba* (or *Omba*) *Pintare*, *Laubana*, *Ende*, &c.

We were driven four Leagues back again, and took particular notice of a point of Land that looked like *Flambrough-head*, when we were either to the East or West of it; and near the shore, it appeared like an Island. Four or five Leagues to the East of this Point, is another very remarkable bluff Point, which is on the West side of the Bay that my Boat was in. See two sights of this Land, Table VI. N°. II. III. We could not stem the Tide, till about three a Clock in the Afternoon; when the Tide running with us, we soon got abreast of the Bay, and then saw a small Island to the Eastward of us. See a sight of it, Table VI. N°. IV. About six we Anchored in the bottom of the Bay, in twenty five Fathom, soft Oaze, half a Mile from the Shore.

I made many false Fires in the Night, and now and then fired a Gun, that my Boat might find me; but to no purpose. In the Morning I found my self driven again by the Tide of Ebb three or four Leagues to the Westward of the Place where I left my Boat. I had several Men
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The Mate told me there was good Anchoring close by the Watering-place; but that there ran a very strong Tide, which near the Shore made several Races; so that they found much danger in getting ashore, and were afraid to come off again in the Night, because of the Riplings the Tide made.

We had now the Sea-breeze, and steered away for this Bay; but could hardly stemm the Tide, till about three in the Afternoon; when the Tide being turned with us, we went along briskly, and about six Anchored in the Bay, in twenty five Fathom, soft Oaze, half a Mile from the Shore.

The next Morning I went ashore to fill Water, and before Night sent aboard eight Tuns. We fill'd it out of a large Pond within fifty paces of the Sea. It look'd pale, but was very good, and boyled Pease well. I saw the Tract of an *Alligator* here. Not far from the Pond, we found the rudder of a *Malaiian* Proc,

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three great Jarrs in a small Shed set up against a Tree, and a Barbacue whereon there had been Fish and Flesh of Buffaloes drest, the Bones lying but a little from it.

In three Days we fill'd about twenty six Tun of Water, and then had on Board about thirty Tun in all. The two following days we spent in Fishing with the Saine, and the first Morning caught as many as served all my Ships Company: But afterwards we had not so good Success. The rest of my Men, which could be spared from the Ship, I sent out; Some with the Carpenters Mate, to cut Timber for my Boats, &c: These went always guarded with three or four armed Men to secure them: I shewed them what Wood was fitting to cut for our use, especially the Calabash and Maho; I shewed them also the manner of stripping the Maho-bark, and of making therewith Thread, Twine, Ropes, &c. Others were sent out a Fowling; who brought home Pidgeons, Parrots, Cackatoos, &c. I was always with one party or other, my self; especially with the Carpenters, to hasten them to get what they could, that we might be gone from hence.

Our Water being full, I sail'd from hence *October the 6th* about four in the Afternoon, designing to coast along Shore

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Shore to the Eastward, till I came to the *Portugueze* Settlements. By the next Morning we were driven three or four Leagues to the West of the Bay; but in the Afternoon, having a faint Sea-breeze, we got again abreast of it. It was the 11th day at noon before we got as far as the small Island before-mentioned, which lies about seven Leagues to the East of the Watering Bay: For what we gained in the Afternoon by the benefit of the Sea-breezes, we lost again in the Evenings and Mornings, while it was calm, in the interval of the Breezes. But this day the Sea-breeze blowing fresher than ordinary, we past by the Island and run before Night about seven Leagues to the East of it.

This Island is not half a Mile long, and not above one hundred Yards in breadth, and look'd just like a Barn, when we were by it: It is pretty high, and may be seen from a Ship's Topmast-head about ten Leagues. The Top, and part of the sides, are covered with Trees, and it is about three Leagues from *Timor*; 'tis about mid-way between the Watering place and the *Portugueze* first and main Settlement by the Shore.

In the Night we were again driven back toward the Island, three Leagues: But the 12th day, having a pretty brisk

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Sea-breeze, we coasted along Shore; and seeing a great many Houses by the Sea, I stood in with my Ship till I was within two Miles of them, and then sent in my Boat, and lay by till it returned. I sent an Officer to command the Boat; and a *Portugueze* Seaman that I brought from *Brasil*, to speak with the Men that we saw on the Bay; there being a great many of them, both Foot and Horse. I could not tell what Officer there might be amongst them; but I ordered my Officer to tell the chief of them that we were *English*, and came hither for refreshment. As soon as the Boat came ashore, and the Inhabitants were informed who we were, they were very glad, and sent me word that I was welcom, and should have any thing that the Island afforded; and that I must run a little farther about a small point, where I should see more Houses; and that the Men would stand on the Bay, right against the place where I must Anchor. With this News the Boat immediately returned; adding withal, that the Governour lived about seven Miles up in the Country; and that the chief Person here was a Lieutenant, who desired me, as soon as the Ship was at Anchor, to send ashore one of my Officers to go to the Governour, and certifie him of our arrival. I presently made Sail towards the

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Anchored in *Laphao* Bay, in twenty Fathom, soft Oaze, over against the Town. A Description of which, and of the *Portuguese* Settlement there, shall be given in the following Chapter.

As soon as I came to Anchor, I sent my Boat ashore with my second Mate, to go to the Governour. The Lieutenant that lived here, had provided Horses and Guides for him, and sent four Soldiers with him for his Guard, and, while he was absent, treated my Men with Arack at his own House, where he and some others of the Townsmen shew'd them many broad thin pieces of Gold; telling them that they had plenty of that Metal, and would willingly traffick with them for any sort of *European* Commodities. About eleven a Clock my Mate returned on Board, and told me he had been in the Country, and was kindly received by the Gentleman he went to wait upon; who said we were welcom, and should have any thing the Island afforded; and that he was not himself the Governour, but only a Deputy. He asked why we did not salute their Fort when we anchored; My Mate answer'd that we saw no Colours flying, and therefore did not know there was any Fort till he came ashore and saw the Guns; and if we had known

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that there was a Fort, yet that we could not have given any Salute till we knew that they would answer it with the like number of Guns. The Deputy said, it was very well; and that he had but little Powder; and therefore would gladly buy some of us, if we had any to spare: Which my Mate told him, we had not.

The 13th the Deputy sent me aboard a Present of two young Buffaloes, six Goats, four Kids, an hundred and forty Coco-nuts, three hundred ripe Mangoes, and six ripe Jacks. This was all very acceptable; and all the time we lay here, we had fresh Provision, and plenty of Fruits; so that those of my Men that were sick of the Scurvy, soon recover'd and grew lusty. I staid here till the 22d, went ashore several times, and once purposely to see the Deputy; who came out of the Country also on purpose to see and talk with me. And then indeed there were Guns fired for Salutes, both aboard my Ship and at the Fort. Our Interview was in a small Church, which was fill'd with the better sort of people; the poorer fort thronging on the outside, and looking in upon us: For the Church had no Wall but at the East end; the Sides and the West end being open, saving only that it had Boards about three or four Foot high from the Ground. I saw but

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two White Men among them all ; One was a *Padre* that came along with the Lieutenant ; the other was an Inhabitant of the Town. The rest were all Copper-colour'd, with black lank Hair. I staid there about two Hours, and we spoke to each other by an Interpreter. I asked particularly about the Seasons of the Year, and when they expected the North-North-West Monsoon. The Deputy told me, that they expected the Wind to shift every Moment ; and that some Years the North-North-West Monsoon set in in *September*, but never failed to come in *October* ; and for that reason desir'd me to make what haste I could from hence ; for that 'twas impossible to ride here when those Winds came. I asked him if there was no Harbour hereabouts, where I might be secured from the Fury of these Winds at their first coming. He told me, that the best Harbour in the Island was at a place called *Babao*, on the North side of *Copang Bay* ; that there were no Inhabitants there, but plenty of Buffaloes in the Woods, and abundance of Fish in the Sea ; that there was also fresh Water : That there was another place, call'd *Port Sessall*, about twenty Leagues to the Eastward of *Laphao* ; that there was a River of fresh Water there, and plenty

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of Fish, but no Inhabitants : Yet that, if I would go thither, he would send people with Hogs, Goats and Buffaloes, to truck with me for such Commodities as I had to dispose of.

I was afterwards told, that on the East end of the Island *Ende* there was also a very good Harbour, and a *Portugueze* Tovvn ; that there was great plenty of Refreshments for my Men, and Dammer for my Ship ; that the Governour or Chief of that place, was call'd Captain *More* ; that he was a very courteous Gentleman, and would be very glad to entertain an *English* Ship there ; and if I design'd to go thither, I might have Pilots here that would be willing to carry me, if I could get the Lieutenants consent. That it was dangerous going thither without a Pilot, by reason of the violent Tides that run between the Islands *Ende* and *Solor*. I was told also, that at the Island *Solor* there were a great many Dutchmen banisht from other places for certain Crimes. I was vvilling enough to go thither, as vvell to secure my Ship in a good Harbour, vvhere I might careen her, (there being Dammer also, vvhich I could not get here, to make use of instead of Pitch, vvhich I novv vvanted,) and vvhere I might still be refreshing my Men and supporting them, in order to my further
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Discoveries; as also to inform my self ^{An. 1699.} more particularly concerning these places as yet so little known to us. Accordingly I accepted the offer of a Pilot and two Gentlemen of the Town, to go with me to *Larentucka* on the Island *Ende*: And they were to come on board my Ship the Night before I sailed. But I was hindered of this design by some of my Officers, who had here also been very busy in doing me all the injury they could underhand.

But to proceed. While I staid here, I went ashore every day, and my Men took their turns to go ashore and traffick for what they had occasion for; and were now all very well again: And to keep themselves in heart, every Man bought some Rice, more or less, to recruit them after our former Fatigues. Besides, I order'd the Purser to buy some for them, to serve them instead of Pease, which were now almost spent. I fill'd up my Water-Cask again here, and cut more Wood; and sent a Present to the Lieutenant, *Alexis Mendosa*, designing to be gone; for while I lay here, we had some Tornadoes and Rain, and the Sky in the North-West looked very black Mornings and Evenings, with Lightning all Night from that Quarter: Which made me very uneasy and desirous to depart hence; because

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because this Road lay expos'd to the North-North-West and North VVinds, which were now daily expected, and which are commonly so violent, that 'tis impossible for any Ship to ride them out: Yet, on the other hand, it was absolutely necessary for me to spend about 2 Months time longer in some place hereabouts, before I could prosecute my Voyage farther to the Eastward; for Reasons which I shall give hereafter in its proper place in the ensuing Discourse. When therefore I sent the Present to the Governour, I desired to have a Pilot to *Larentucka* on the Island *Ende*; where I desir'd to spend the time I had to spare. He novv sent me vvord that he could not vvell do it, but vvould send me a Letter to *Port Sese* all for the Natives, vvho vvould come to me there and supply me vvith vvhat Provision they had.

I staid three days, in hopes yet to get a Pilot for *Larentucka*, or at least the Letter from the Governour to *Port Sese*. But seeing neither, I sail'd from hence the 22d of *October*, coasting to the Eastward, designing for *Sese*; and before Night, was about ten Leagues to the East of *Laphao*. I kept about three Leagues off Shore, and my Boat ranged along close by the Shore, looking into every Bay and Cove; and at Night returned on Board.

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The next Morning, being three or four Leagues farther to the Eastward, I sent my Boat ashore again to find *Sefiall*. At noon they returned, and told me they had been at *Sefiall*, as they guess'd; that there were two *Portugueze* Barks in the Port, who threatned to Fire at them, but did not; telling them this was *Porto del Roy de Portugal*. They saw also another Bark, which ran and anchor'd close by the Shore; and the Men ran all away for fear: But our Men calling to them in *Portugueze*, they at last came to them, and told them that *Sefiall* was the place which they came from, where the two Barks lay: Had not these Men told them, they could not have known it to be a Port, it being only a little bad Cove, lying open to the North; having two ledges of Rocks at its Entrance, one on each side; and a Channel between, which was so narrow, that it would not be safe for us to go in. However I stood in with the Ship, to be better satisfied; and when I came near it, found it answer my Mens Description. I lay by a-while, to consider what I had best do; for my design was to lye in a place where I might get fresh Provisions if I could: For though my Men were again pretty well recruited; and those that had been sick of the Scurvy, were well again; yet I design'd, if possible,

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possible, to refresh them as much and as long as I could, before I went farther. Besides, my Ship wanted cleaning; and I was resolved to clean her, if possible.

At last after much consideration, I thought it safer to go away again for *Babao*; and accordingly stood to the Westward. We were now about sixty Leagues to the East of *Babao*. The Coast is bold all the way, having no Sholes, and but one Island which I saw and describ'd coming to the Eastward. The Land in the Country is very Mountainous; but there are some large Valleys towards the East end. Both the Mountains and Valleys on this side, are barren; some wholly so; and none of them appear so pleasant as the place where I watered. It was the 23d day in the Evening when I stood back again for *Babao*. We had but small Sea and Land-breezes. On the 27th we came into *Copang* Bay; and the next day having sounded *Babao* Road, I ran in and came to an Anchor there, in twenty Fathom, soft oaze, three Mile from the Shore. One reason, as I said before, of my coming hither, was to ride secure, and to clean my Ships bottom; as also to endeavour by Fishing and Hunting of Buffaloes, to refresh my Men and save my Salt Provision. It was like to be some time before I could clean my Ship,
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 this, I intended to make Lime here, which
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 place to do it in; But my Ship being
 sharp, I did not dare to do it: Besides, I
 must have taken every thing out of her;
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secure my Men, I never suffer'd them to go ashore unarmed; and while some were at work, others stood to guard them.

We lay in this place from *October the 28th*, till *December the 12th*. In which time we made very good Lime with Shells, of which here are plenty. We cut Palmeto-leaves to burn the Ship's sides; and giving her as good a heel as we could, we burned her sides, and paid them with Lime and Water for want of Oyl to mix with it. This stuck on about two Months, where 'twas well burned. We did not want fresh Provisions all the time we lay here, either of Fish or Flesh. For there were fair sandy Bays on the Point of *Babao*, where in 2 or 3 hours in a Morning we used with our Sain to drag ashore as much Fish as we could eat all the day: And for a change of Diet, when we were weary of Fish, I sent ten or eleven armed Men a hunting for Buffaloes; who never came empty home. They went ashore in the Evening or early in the Morning, and before Noon always returned with their burdens of *Buffalo*, enough to suffice us two days; by which time we began to long for Fish again.

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He was an honest Man, and I found him always diligent and obedient. It was pretty late in the Afternoon before we came ashore ; so that we had but little time with the Governour. He seem'd to be much dissatisfied at the report my Officer had made to me ; (of which I have before given an account;) and said it was false, neither would he now take any Money of me ; but told me I was welcome ; as indeed I found by what he provided. For there was plenty of very good Victuals, and well drest ; and the Linnen was white and clean ; and all the Dishes and Plates, of Silver or fine China. I did not meet any where with a better Entertainment, while I was abroad ; nor with so much decency and order. Our Liquor was Wine, Beer, Toddy, or Water, which we liked best after Dinner. He shew'd me some drawers full of Shells, which were the strangest and most curious that I had ever seen. He told me, before I went away, that he could not supply me with any Naval stores; but if I wanted any fresh Provision, he would supply me with what I had occasion for. I thank'd him, and told him I would send my Boat for some Goats and Hogs, though afterwards on second thoughts I did not do it ; For 'twas a great way from the place where we lay, to the Fort ; and I could

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not tell what mischief might befall any of my Men, when there, from the Natives; especially if encouraged by the *Dutch*, who are Enemies to all *Europeans* but such as are under their own Government. Therefore I chose rather to Fish and Hunt for Provisions, than to be beholden to the *Dutch*, and pay dearly for it too.

We found here, as I said before, plenty of Game; so that all the time we lay at this place, we spent none or very little of our Salt-provisions; having Fish or fresh Buffalo every day. We lay here seven Weeks; and although the North-North-West Monsoon was every day expected when I was at *Laphao*, yet it was not come, so that if I had prosecuted my Voyage to the Eastward without staying here, it had been but to little advantage. For if I had gone out, and beaten against the Wind a whole Month, I should not have got far; it may be forty, fifty, or sixty Leagues; which was but twenty four hours run for us with a large Wind; besides the trouble and discontent, which might have arisen among my Men in beating to Windward to so little purpose, there being nothing to be got at Sea; but here we lived and did eat plentifully every day without trouble. The greatest inconveniency of this place, was want of Water; this being

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the latter part of the dry Season, because the Monsoon was very late this Year. About four days before we came away, we had Tornadoes, with Thunder, Lightning and Rain, and much Wind; but of no long continuance: At which time we filled some Water. We saw very black Clouds, and heard it thunder every day for near a Month before, in the Mountains; and saw it rain, but none came near us: And even where we hunted, we saw great Trees torn up by the Roots, and great havock made among the Woods by the Wind; yet none touched us.

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THE Island *Timor*, as I have said in my Voyage round the World, is about seventy Leagues long, and fourteen or sixteen broad. It lies nearly North-East and South-West. The middle of it lies in about 9d. South Lat. It has no Navigable Rivers, nor many Harbours; but abundance of Bays, for Ships to ride in at some Seasons of the Year. The Shore is very bold, free from Rocks, Shoals or Islands; excepting a few which are visible, and therefore easily avoided. On the South side there is a Shole laid down in our Draughts, about thirty Leagues from the South-West end; I was fifteen or twenty Leagues further to the East than that distance, but saw nothing of the Shole; neither could I find any Harbour. It is a pretty even Shore, with Sandy Bays and low Land for about three or four Mile up; and then 'tis Mountainous. There is no Anchoring but within half a League or a League at farthest from the Shore; and the low Land that bounds the Sea, hath nothing but red

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At the South-West end of *Timor*, is a pretty high Island, called *Anabao*. It is about ten or twelve Leagues long, and about four broad; near which the *Dutch* are settled. It lies so near *Timor*, that 'tis laid down in our Draughts as part of that Island; yet we found a narrow deep Channel fit for any Ships to pass between them. This Channel is about ten Leagues long, and in some places not above a League wide. It runs North-East and South-West, so deep that there is no Anchoring but very nigh the Shore. There is but little Tide; the Flood setting North, and the Ebb to the Southward. At the North-East end of this Channel, are two points of Land, not above a League asunder; one on the South side upon *Timor*, called *Copang*; the other on the North side, upon the Island *Anabao*. From this last point, the Land trends away Northerly two or three Leagues, opens to the Sea, and then bends in again to the Westward.

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Being past these Points, you open a Bay of about eight Leagues long, and four wide. This Bay trends in on the South side North East by East from the South-point before mentioned; making many small Points or little Coves. About a League to the East of the said South-point, the *Dutch* have a small Stone Fort, situated on a firm Rock close by the Sea: This Fort they call *Concordia*. On the East side of the Fort, there is a small River of fresh Water, which has a boarded Bridge over it, near to the entrance into the Fort. Beyond this River is a small sandy Bay, where the Boats and Barks land and convey their Traffick in or out of the Fort. About an hundred Yards from the Sea-side, and as many from the Fort, and forty Yards from the Bridge on the East side, the Company have a fine Garden, surrounded with a good Stone-Wall; In it is plenty of all sorts of Sallads, Cabbages, Roots for the Kitchen; in some parts of it are Fruit-trees, as Jaca's, Pumplenose, Oranges, sweet Lemons, &c. and by the Walls are Coconut and Toddy-trees in great plenty. Besides these, they have Musk and Water-Melons, Pine-Apples, Pomecitrons, Pomegranates, and other sorts of Fruits. Between this Garden and the River, there is a Penn for black Cattle, whereof they have

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ground, the Natives have their Houses, in number about fifty or sixty. There are forty or fifty Soldiers belonging to this Fort, but I know not how many Guns they have ; For I had only opportunity to see one Bastion, which had in it four Guns. Within the Walls there is a neat little Church or Chapel.

Beyond *Concordia* the Land runs about seven Leagues to the bottom of the Bay ; then it is not above a League and half from side to side, and the Land trends away Northerly to the North Shore ; then turns about again to the Westward, making the South side of the Bay. About three Leagues and a half from the bottom of the Bay on this side, there is a small Island about a Musket shot from the Shore ; and a riff of Rocks that runs from it to the Eastward about a mile. On the West side of the Island is a Channel of three Fathom at low Water, of which depth it is also within, where Ships may haul in and carreen. West from this Island the Land rounds away in a Bite or Elbow, and at last ends in a low point of Land, which shoots forth a ledge of Rocks a mile into the Sea, which is dry at Low-Water. Just against the low point of Land, and to the West of the ledge of Rocks, is another pretty high and rocky, yet woody Island,

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Island, about half a mile from the low point; which Island hath a ledge of corally Rocks running from it all along to the other small Island, only leaving one Channel between them. Many of these Rocks are to be seen at Low-Water, and there seldom is Water enough for a Boat to go over them till quarter Flood or more. Within this ledge there is two or three Fathom Water, and without it no less than ten or twelve Fathom close to the Rocks. A League without this last Rocky Island, is another small low sandy Island, about four miles from the low point, three Leagues from the *Dutch-Fort Concordia*, and three Leagues and a half from the South-West point of the Bay. Ships that come in this way, must pass between this low Isle and the low Point, keeping near the Isle.

In this Bay there is any depth of Water from thirty to three Fathom, very good oazy holding ground. This affords the best shelter against all Winds, of any place about the Island *Timor*. But from *March* to *October*, while either the Southerly Winds or only Land and Sea-breezes hold, the *Concordia* side is best to ride in; but when the more violent Northerly Winds come, then the best riding is between the two Rocky Islands in nineteen or twenty Fathom. If you bring the
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Westermost Island to bear South-West by West about a League distance, and the low point West by South; then the Body of the sandy Island will bear South-West half West, distance two Leagues; and the ledges of Rocks shooting from each, make such a Bar, that no Sea can come in. Then you have the Land from West by South to East-North-East, to defend you on that side: And other Winds do not here blow violently. But if they did, yet you are so Land-lock'd, that there can be no Sea to hurt you. This Anchoring place is call'd *Babao*, about five Leagues from *Concordia*. The greatest inconveniency in it, is the multitude of Worms. Here is fresh Water enough to be had in the wet Season; every little Gull discharging fresh Water into the Sea. In the dry Season you must search for it in standing Ponds or Gulls, where the wild Buffaloes, Hogs, &c. resort every Morning and Evening to drink; where you may lye and shoot them, taking care that you go strong enough and well-armed against the Natives upon all occasions. For though there are no Inhabitants near this place; yet the *Malayans* come in great Companies when Ships are here; and if they meet with any *Europeans*, they kill them, of what Nation soever they be, not excepting the *Portugueze* themselves.

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Tis but two Years since a *Portugueze* Ship riding here, had all the Boats crew cut off as they were Watering; as I was inform'd by the *Dutch*. Here likewise is plenty of Fish of several sorts, which may be catch'd with a Sain; also Tortoise and Oysters.

From the North-East point of this Bay, on the North side of the Island, the Land trends away North-North-East for four or five Leagues; afterward North-East or more Easterly; And when you are fourteen or fifteen Leagues to the Eastward of *Babao*, you come up with a Point that makes like *Flamborough-Head*, if you are pretty nigh the Land; but if at a distance from it on either side, it appears like an Island. This Point is very remarkable, there being none other like it in all this Island. When you are abreast of this Point, you will see another Point about four Leagues to the Eastward; and when you are abreast of this latter Point, you will see a small Island bearing East or East by North (according to your distance from the Land,) just rising out of the Water: When you see it plain, you will be abreast of a pretty deep sandy Bay, which hath a point in the middle, that comes sloping from the Mountains, with a curious Valley on each side: The sandy Bay runs from one Valley to the other.

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You may Sail into this Bay, and anchor a little to the Eastward of the Point in twenty Fathom Water, half a Mile from the Shore, soft oaze. Then you will be about two Leagues from the West-point of the Bay, and about eight Leagues from the small Island before mentioned, which you can see pretty plain bearing East-North-East a little Northwardly. Some other marks are set down in the foregoing Chapter. In this sandy Bay you will find fresh Water in two or three places. At Spring-tides you will see many riplings, like Sholes; but they are only Eddies caused by the two points of the Bay.

We saw Smoaks all day up in the Mountains, and Fires by Night, at certain places, where we supposed the Natives lived, but saw none of them.

The Tides ran between the two points of the Bay, very strong and uncertain: Yet it did not rise and fall above nine Foot upon a Spring-tide: But it made great riplings and a roaring Noise; whirling about, like Whirlpools. We had constantly eddy Tides under the Shore, made by the points on each side of the Bay.

When you go hence to the Eastward, you may pass between the small Island, and *Timor*; and when you are five or six Leagues to the Eastward of the small Island,

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An. 1699. you will see a large Valley to the Eastward of you ; then running a little further, you may see Houses on the Bay : You may luff in, but anchor not till you go about the next point. Then you will see more Houses, where you may run into twenty or thirty Fathom, and anchor right against the Houses, nearest the West end of them. This place is called *Laphao*. It is a *Portugueze* Settlement, about sixteen Leagues from the Watering-bay.

There are in it about forty or fifty Houses, and one Church. The Houses are mean and low, the Walls generally made of Mud or wated, and their sides made up with Boards : They are all thatcht with Palm or Palmeto-Leaves. The Church also is very small : The East-end of it is boarded up to the top ; but the sides and the West-end are only boarded three or four foot high ; the rest is all open. There is a small Altar in it, with two Steps to go up to it, and an Image or two ; but all very mean. 'Tis also thatch'd with Palm or Palmeto-Leaves. Each House has a Yard belonging to it, fenced about with wild Canes nine or ten Foot high. There is a Well in each Yard, and a little Bucket with a String to it to draw Water wishal. There is a Trunk of a Tree made hollow, placed in each Well, to keep the Earth from falling

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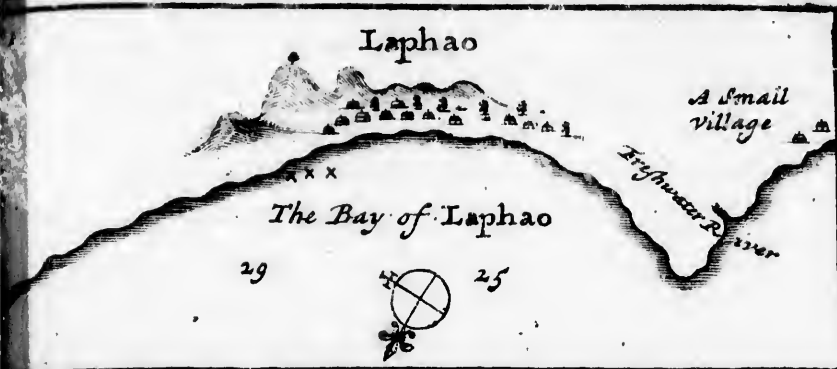
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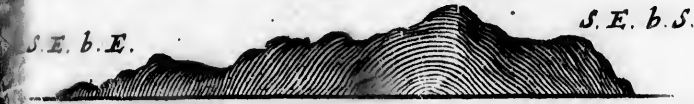
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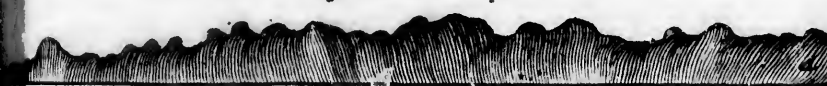
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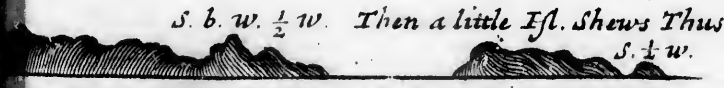
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They have a small Hovel by the Sea-side, where there are six small old Iron Guns standing on a decayed Platform, in rotten Carriages. Their Vents are so big, that when they are fired, the strength of the Powder flying out there, they give but a small Report, like that of a Musket. This is there Court of Guard; and here were a few armed-men watching all the time we lay here.

The Inhabitants of the Town, are chiefly a sort of *Indians*, of a Copper-colour, with black lank Hair: They speak *Portuguese*, and are of the *Romish* Religion; but they take the Liberty to eat Flesh when they please. They value themselves on the account of their Religion and descent from the *Portuguese*; and would be very angry, if a Man should say they are not *Portuguese*: Yet I saw but three White Men here, two of which were *Padres*. There are also a few *Chinese* living here. It is a place of pretty good Trade and Strength, the best on this Island, *Porta-Nova* excepted. They have three or four small Barks belonging to the place; with which they trade chiefly about the Island with the Natives, for Wax, Gold, and Sandall-wood. Sometimes

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The *Chinese* trade hither from *Macao*; and I was informed that about twenty Sail of small Vessels come from thence hither every Year. They bring course Rice, adulterated Gold, Tea, Iron, and Iron-tools, Porcellane, Silks, &c. They take in exchange pure Gold, as 'tis gathered in the Mountains, Bees-wax, Sandall-wood, Slaves, &c. Sometimes also here comes a Ship from *Goa*. Ships that trade here, begin to come hither the latter end of *March*; and none stay here longer than the latter end of *August*. For should they be here while the North-North-West Monsoon blows, no Cables nor Anchors would hold them; but they would be driven ashore and dash'd in pieces presently. But from *March* till *September*, while the South-South-East Monsoon blows, Ships ride here very secure; For then, though the Wind often blows hard, yet 'tis off Shore; so that there is very smooth Water, and no fear of being driven ashore; And yet even then they moor with three Cables; two towards the Land, Eastward and Westward; and the third right off to Seaward.

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of resisting a hundred Men : For the Pi-^{An. 1699}rates that were at the *Dutch* Fort, came hither also ; and after they had fill'd their Water, and cut Fire-wood, and refresh'd themselves, they plunder'd the Houses, set them on fire, and went away. Yet I was told, that the *Portugueze* can draw together five or six hundred Men in twenty-four Hours time, all armed with Hand-Guns, Swords and Pistols ; but Powder and Bullets are scarce and dear. The chief Person they have on the Island, is named *Antonio Henriquez* ; They call him usually by the Title of Captain *More* or *Maior*. They say he is a white Man, and that he was sent hither by the Vice-Roy of *Goa*. I did not see him ; for he lives, as I was informed, a great way from hence, at a place call'd *Porta Nova*, which is at the East-end of the Island, and by report is a good Harbour ; but they say, that this Captain *More* goes frequently to Wars in Company with the *Indians* that are his Neighbours and Friends, against other *Indians* that are their Enemies. The next Man to him is *Alexis Mendosa* ; he is a Lieutenant, and lives six or seven Miles from hence, and rules this part of the Country. He is a little Man of the *Indian*-Race, Copper-coloured, with black flank Hair. He speaks both the *Indian* and *Portuguese* Languages ; is a Roman Catholic

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lick, and seems to be a civil brisk Man. There is another Lieutenant at *Laphao*; who is also an *Indian*; speaks both his own and the *Portuguese* Language very well; is old and infirm, but was very courteous to me.

They boast very much of their Strength here, and say they are able at any time to drive the *Dutch* away from the Island, had they Permission from the King of *Portugal* so to do. But though they boast thus of their Strength, yet really they are very weak; for they have but a few small Arms, and but little Powder: They have no Fort, nor Magazine of Arms; nor does the Vice-Roy of *Goa* send them any now: For though they pretend to be under the King of *Portugal*, they are a sort of lawless People, and are under no Government. It was not long since the Vice-Roy of *Goa* sent a Ship hither, and a Land-Officer to remain here: But Captain *More* put him in Irons, and sent him aboard the Ship again; telling the Commander, that he had no occasion for any Officers; and that he could make better Officers here, than any that could be sent him from *Goa*: And I know not whether there has been any other Ship sent from *Goa* since: So that they have no Supplies from thence: Yet they need not want Arms and Ammunition, seeing they Trade

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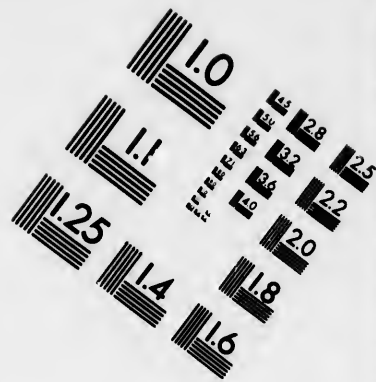
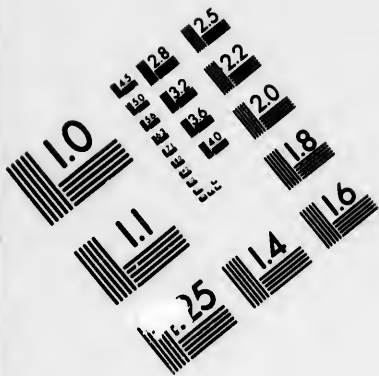
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very few right *Portugueze* in any part of
the Island. However of those that call
themselves *Portugueze*, I was told there
are some thousands ; and I think their
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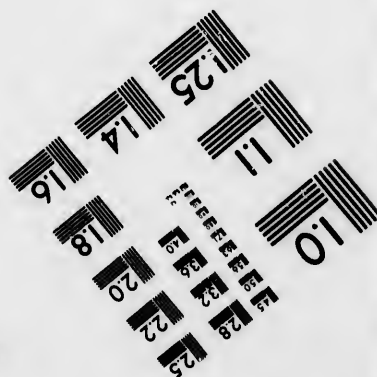
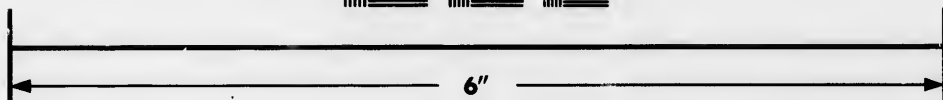
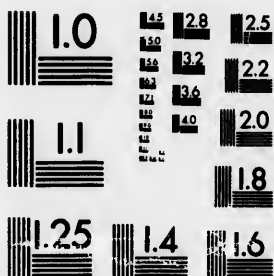
Fourteen Leagues East from *Laphao* ;
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has a narrow Entrance, and lies open to
Northerly Winds : Though indeed there
are two Ledges of Rocks, one shooting
out from the West Point, and the other
from the East Point, which break off
the Sea ; for the Rocks are dry at low
Water. This Place is about 60 Leagues
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The whole of this Island *Timor*, is a
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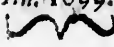


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The Trees that grow naturally here, are of divers sorts; many of them wholly unknown to me; but such as I have seen in *America* or other places, and grow here likewise, are these, *viz.* Mangrove, white, red and black; Maho, Calabash, several sorts of the Palm-kind; The Cotton-trees are not large, but tougher than those in *America*: Here are also Locust-trees of two or three sorts, bearing Fruit, but not like those I have formerly seen: These bear a large white Blossom, and yield much Fruit, but it is not sweet.

Cana-fistula-trees are very common here; the Tree is about the bigness of our ordinary Apple Trees; their Branches not thick, nor full of Leaves. These and the before-mentioned, blossom in *October* and *November*; the Blossoms are much like our Apple-Tree Blossoms, and about that bigness: At first they are red; but before they fall off, when spread abroad, they are white; so that these Trees in their Season appear extraordinarily pleasant, and yield a very fragrant smell. When the Fruit is ripe, it is round and about the bigness of a Man's Thumb; of a dark brown Colour, inclining to red, and about two foot or two foot and half long. We found many of them under the Trees, but they had no Pulp in them. The Partitions in the middle, are much

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at the same distance with those brought to England, of the same Substance, and such small flat Seeds in them: But whether they be the true *Cana-fistula* or no, I cannot tell, because I found no black Pulp in them.

The *Calabashes* here are very prickly: The Trees grow tall and tapering; whereas in the *West-Indies* they are low and spread much abroad.

Here are also Wild *Tamarind*-trees, not so large as the true; though much resembling them both in the Bark and Leaf.

Wild Fig-trees here are many, but not so large as those in *America*. The Fruit grows, not on the Branches singly, like those in *America*, but in Strings and Clusters, forty or fifty in a cluster, about the Body and great Branches of the Tree, from the very Root up to the Top. These Figs are about the bigness of a Crab-Apple, of a Greenish Colour, and full of small white Seeds; they smell pretty well, but have no Juice or Taste; they are ripe in *November*.

Here likewise grows *Sandal-wood*, and many more sorts of Trees fit for any uses. The tallest among them, resemble our Pines; they are Streight and Clear-bodied, but not very thick; the inside is reddish near the Heart, and hard and Ponderous.

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Of the Palm-kind there are three or four sorts; two of which kinds I have not seen any where but here. Both sorts are very large, and tall. The first sort had Trunks of about seven or eight Foot in Circumference, and about eighty or ninety Foot high. These had Branches at the top like Coco-nut-Trees, and their Fruit like Coco-nuts, but smaller: The Nut was of an Oval form, and about the bigness of a Ducks Egg: The shell black and very hard. 'Twas almost full of Kernel, having only a small empty space in the middle, but no Water as Coco-nuts have. The Kernel is too hard to be eaten. The Fruit somewhat resembles that in *Brazil* formerly mentioned. The husk or outside of the Fruit, was very Yellow, soft and pulpy, when ripe; and full of small Fibres; and when it fell down from the Tree, would mash and smell unfavoury.

The other sort was as big and tall as the former; the Body growing streight up without Limbs, as all Trees of the Palm-kind do: But instead of a great many long green Branches growing from the head of the Tree, these had short Branches about the bigness of a Mans Arm, and about a Foot long; each of which spread it self into a great many small tough twigs, that hung full of Fruit like

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so many Ropes of Onions. The Fruit was as big as a large Plumb; and every Tree had several Bushels of Fruit. The Branches that bore this Fruit, sprouted out at about fifty or sixty Foot heighth from the ground. The trunk of the Tree was all of one bigness, from the Ground to that heighth; but from thence it went tapering smaller and smaller to the top, where it was no bigger than a Mans Leg, ending in a Stump: And there was no Green about the Tree, but the Fruit; so that it appeared like a dead Trunk.

Besides Fruit-Trees, here were many sorts of tall Streight-bodied Timber-Trees; one sort of which, was like Pine. These grow plentifully all round the Island by the Sea-side, but not far within Land. 'Tis hard Wood, of a reddish Colour, and very ponderous.

The Fruits of this Island, are *Gnavaes, Mangoes, Jaca's, Coco-nuts, Plantains, Bonanoes, Pine-Apples, Citrons, Pomegranates, Oranges, Lemons, Limes, Musk-Melons, Water-Melons, Pumkins, &c.* Many of these have been brought hither by the *Dutch* and *Portugueze*; and most of them are ripe in *September* and *October*. There were many other excellent Fruits, but not now in Season; as I was inform'd both by *Dutch* and *Portugueze*.

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Here I met with an Herb, which in the *West-Indies* we call *Calalaloo*. It grows wild here. I eat of it several times, and found it as pleasant and wholesome as Spinage. Here are also Pursly, Sampier, &c. *Indian Corn* thrives very well here, and is the common Food of the Islanders; though the *Portugueze* and their Friends sow some Rice, but not half enough for their subsistence.

The Land-Animals are Buffaloes, Beeves, Horses, Hogs, Goats, Sheep, Monkeys, Guanoes, Lizards, Snakes, Scorpions, Centumpees, &c. Beside the tame Hogs and Buffaloes, there are many wild all over the Country, which any may freely kill. As for the Beeves, Horses, Goats and Sheep, it is probable they were brought in by the *Portugueze* or *Dutch*; especially the Beeves; for I saw none but at the *Dutch Fort Concordia*.

We also saw Monkeys, and some Snakes. One sort yellow, and as big as a Mans Arm, and about four Foot long: Another sort no bigger than the Stem of a Tobacco-pipe, about five Foot long, green all over his Body, and with a flat red head as big as a Mans Thumb.

The Fowls are Wild Cocks and Hens, Eagles, Hawks, Crows, two sorts of Pidgeons, Turtle-doves, three or four sorts of Parrots, Parrakites, Cockatoes, Black-

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Black-birds ; besides a multitude of smaller Birds of diverse Colours, whose charming Musick makes the Woods very pleasant. One sort of these pretty little Birds my Men call'd the Ringing-bird ; because it had six Notes, and always repeated all his Notes twice one after another ; beginning high and shrill, and ending low. This Bird was about the bigness of a Lark, having a small sharp black Bill, and blew Wings ; the Head and Breast were of a pale red, and there was a blew streak about its Neck. Here are also Sea or Water-Fowls, as Men of War-Birds, Boobies, Fishing-hawks, Herons, Goldens, Crab-catchers, &c. The tame Fowl are Cocks, Hens, Ducks, Geese ; the two last sorts I only saw at the *Dutch* Fort ; of the other sort there are not many but among the *Portugueze*. The Woods abound with Bees, which make much Honey and Wax.

The Sea is very well stock'd with Fish of diverse sorts, *viz.* Mulletts, Bas, Breames, Snooks, Mackarel, Parracoots, Gar-fish, Ten-pounders, Scuttle-fish, String-rays, Whip-rays, Rasperages, Cockle-merchants, or Oyster-crackers, Cavallies, Conger-Eels, Rock-fish, Dog-fish, &c. The Rays are so plentiful, that I never drew the Sain but I catch'd some of them ; which we Salted and Dryed. I caught one whose
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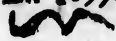
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Tail was thirteen Foot long. The *Cockle-Merchants* are shaped like Cavallies, and about their bigness. They feed on Shell-fish, having two very hard, thick, flat Bones in their Throat, with which they break in pieces the Shells of the Fish they swallow. We always find a great many Shells in their Maws, crushed in pieces. The Shell-fish, are Oysters of three sorts, *viz.* Long-Oysters, Common-Oysters, growing upon Rocks in great abundance, and very Flat; and another sort of large Oysters, Fat and Crooked; the Shell of this, not easily to be distinguished from a Stone. Three or four of these Roasted, will suffice a Man for one Meal. Cockles, as big as a Mans Head; of which two or three are enough for a Meal; they are very Fat and Sweet. Craw-fish, Shrimps, &c. Here are also many green Turtle, some Alligators and Grand-pisces, &c.

The Original Natives of this Island, are *Indians*, they are of a middle Stature, Streight-bodied, Slender-limb'd, Long-visag'd; their Hair black and lank; their Skins very swarthy. They are very dextrous and nimble, but withal lazy in the highest degree. They are said to be dull in every thing but Treachery and Barbarity. Their Houses are but low and mean, their cloathing only a small Cloath about their middle; but some of them
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for Ornament have frontlets of Mother of Pearl, or thin pieces of Silver or Gold, made of an Oval form, of the breadth of a Crown-piece, curiously notched round the edges ; Five of these placed one by another a little above the Eye-brows, making a sufficient Guard and Ornament for their Fore-head. They are so thin, and placed on their Fore-heads so artificially, that they seem riveted thereon : And indeed the Pearl-Oyster-shells make a more splendid Show, than either Silver or Gold. Others of them have Palmeto-caps made in diverse forms.

As to their Marriages, they take as many Wives as they can maintain ; and sometimes they sell their Children to purchase more Wives. I enquir'd about their Religion, and was told they had none. Their common subsistence is by *Indian* Corn, which every Man plants for himself. They take but little pains to clear their Land ; For in the Dry time they set Fire to the withered Grass and Shrubs, and that burns them out a Plantation for the next wet Season. What other Grain they have, beside *Indian* Corn, I know not. Their Plantations are very mean ; for they delight most in Hunting ; and here are wild Buffaloes and Hogs enough, though very shy, because of their so frequent Hunting.

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The chiefest Kingdoms are *Cupang*, *Amabie*, *Lortribie*, *Pobumbie*, *Namquimal*; the Island also of *Anamabao* or *Anabao*, is a Kingdom. Each of these hath a Sultan, who is Supreme in his Province and Kingdom, and hath under him several *Raja's* and other inferiour Officers. The Sultans for the most part are Enemies to each other; which Enmities are fomented and kept up by the *Dutch*, whose Fort and Factory is in the Kingdom of *Cupang*; and therefore the Bay near which they are settled, is commonly called *Cupang-Bay*. They have only as much Ground as they can keep within reach of their Guns; yet this whole Kingdom is at peace with them; and they freely trade together; as also with the Islanders on *Anabao*, who are in Amity as well with the Natives of *Cupang*, as with the *Dutch* residing there; but they are implacable Enemies to those of *Amabie*, who are their
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next Neighbours, and in Amity with the *Portugueze*; as are also the Kingdoms of *Pobumbie*, *Namquimal* and *Lortribie*. It is very probable, that these two *European* Settlements on this Illand, are the greatest occasion of their continued Wars. The *Portuguese* vaunt highly of their Strength here, and that they are able at pleasure to rout the *Dutch*, if they had Authority so to do from the King of *Portugal*; and they have written to the Vice-Roy of *Goa* about it: And though their Request is not yet granted, yet (as they say) they live in expectation of it. These have no Forts, but depend on their Alliance with the Natives: And indeed they are already so mixt, that it is hard to distinguish whether they are *Portuguese* or *Indians*. Their Language is *Portuguese*; and the Religion they have, is *Romish*. They seem in Words to acknowledge the King of *Portugal* for their Sovereign; yet they will not accept of any Officers sent by him. They speak indifferently the *Malayan* and their own native Languages, as well as *Portuguese*; and the chiefest Officers that I saw, were of this sort; neither did I see above three or four white Men among them; and of these, two were Priests. Of this mixt Breed there are some thousands; of whom some have small Arms of their own, and know how

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Befides this Mungrel-Breed of *Indians* and *Portugueſe*, here are alſo ſome *China-Men*, Merchants from *Macca*: They bring hither courſe Rice, Gold, Tea, Iron-work, Porcelane, and Silk both wrought and raw: They get in exchange pure Gold as it is here gather'd, Bees-wax, Sandal-

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Sandal-Wood, Coire, &c. It is said there are about twenty small *China* Vessels come hither every Year from *Maccao*; and commonly one Vessel a Year from *Goa*, which brings *European* Commodities and *Callicoes, Muslins, &c.* Here are likewise some small Barks belonging to this Place, that Trade to *Batavia*, and bring from thence both *European* and *Indian* Goods and Rice. The Vessels generally come here in *March*, and stay till *September*.

The *Dutch*, as I before said, are settled in the Kingdom of *Cupang*, where they have a small neat Stone Fort. It seems to be pretty strong; yet, as I was informed, had been taken by a *French* Pirate about two Years ago: The *Dutch* were used very barbarously, and ever since are very jealous of any Strangers that come this way; which I my self experienced. These depend more on their own Strength than on the Natives their Friends; having good Guns, Powder, and Shot enough on all occasions, and Soldiers sufficient to manage the Business here, all well disciplin'd and in good order; which is a thing the *Portnguese* their Neighbours are altogether destitute of, they having no *European* Soldiers, few Arms, less Ammunition, and their Fort consisting of no more than six bad Guns planted against
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the Sea, whose Touch-holes (as was before observed) are so enlarg'd by time, that a great part of the strength of the Powder flies away there; And having Soldiers in pay, the Natives on all occasions are hired; and their Government now is so loose, that they will admit of no more Officers from *Portugal* or *Goa*. They have also little or no supply of Arms or Ammunition from thence, but buy it as often as they can, of the *Dutch*, *Chinese*, &c. So that upon the whole it seems improbable that they should ever attempt to drive out the *Dutch*, for fear of loosing themselves, notwithstanding their boasted Prowess and Alliance with the Natives: And indeed, as far as I could learn, they have business enough to keep their own present Territories from the incursions of the *Cupangayans*; who are Friends to the *Dutch*, and whom doubtless the *Dutch* have ways enough to preserve in their Friendship: besides that they have an inveterate Malice to their Neighbours, insomuch that they kill all they meet, and bring away their Heads in Triumph. The great Men of *Cupang* stick the Heads of those they have killed, on Poles; and set them on the tops of their Houses; and these they esteem above all their other Riches. The inferiour sort bring the Heads of

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those they kill, into Houses made for that purpose ; of which there was one at the *Indian Village* near the *Fort Concordia*, almost full of Heads, as I was told. I know not what encouragement they have for their inhumanity.

The *Dutch* have always two Sloops belonging to their Fort ; in these they go about the Island, and Trade with the Natives ; and, as far as I could learn, they Trade indifferently with them all. For though the Inland people are at war with each other, yet those by the Sea-side seem to be little concerned ; and, generally speaking the *Malayan* Language, are very sociable and easily induced to Trade with those that speak that Language ; which the *Dutch* here always learn ; Besides, being well acquainted with the Treachery of these People, they go well arm'd among them, and are very vigilant never to give them an opportunity to hurt them ; and it is very probable that they supply them with such Goods, as the *Portuguese* cannot.

The *Malayan* Language, as I have before said, is generally spoken amongst all the Islands hereabouts. The greater the Trade is, the more this Language is spoken : In some it is become their only Language ; in others it is but little spoken, and that by the Sea-side only. VVith

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this Language the *Mahometan* Religion ^{An. 1699} did spread it self, and was got hither before any *European* Christians came : But now, though the Language is still used, the *Mahometan* Religion falls, where-ever the *Portugueze* or *Dutch* are settled ; unless they be very weak, as at *Solor* and *Ende*, where the chief Language is *Malayan*, and the Religion Mahometanism ; though the *Dutch* are settled at *Solor*, and the *Portugueze* at the East end of the Island *Ende*, at a place called *Lorantuca* ; which, as I was informcd, is a large Town, hath a pretty strong Fort and safe Harbour. The chief Man there (as at *Timor*) is called Captain *More*, and is as absolute as the other. These two principal Men are Enemies to each other ; and by their Letters and Messages to *Goa*, inveigh bitterly against each other ; and are ready to do all the ill Offices they can ; yet neither of them much regards the Vice-Roy of *Goa*, as I was inform'd.

L' Orantuca is said to be more populous, than any Town on *Timor* ; the Island *Ende* affording greater plenty of all manner of Fruit, and being much better supplied with all Necessaries, than *Laphao* ; especially with Sheep, Goats, Hogs, Poultry, &c. but it is very dangerous getting into this Harbour, because of the violent Tides, between the Islands *Ende* and *Solor*.

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The Seasons of the Year here at *Timor*, are much the same as in other places in South Latitude. The fair Weather begins in *April* or *May*, and continues to *October*, then the Tornadoes begin to come, but no violent bad Weather till the middle of *December*. Then there are violent West or North-West Winds, with Rain, till towards the middle of *February*. In *May* the Southerly Winds set in, and blow very strong on the North-side of the Island, but fair. There is great difference of Winds on the two sides of the Island: For the Southerly Winds are but very faint on the South-side, and very hard on the North-side; and the bad Weather on the South-side comes in very violent in *October*, which on the North-side comes not till *December*. You have very good Sea and Land-breezes, when the Weather is fair; and may run indifferently to the
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East or West, as your business lies. We found from *September* to *December* the Winds veering all round the Compass gradually in twenty four hours time; but such a constant Western Current, that it's much harder getting to the East than West at or near Spring Tides: Which I have more than once made tryal off. For weighing from *Babao* at six a Clock in the Morning on the 12th instant, we kept plying under the Shore till the 20th, meeting with such a Western Current, that we gain'd very little. We had Land and Sea-breezes; but so faint, that we could hardly stem the Current; and when it was calm between the Breezes, we drove a-Stern faster than ever we sailed a-Head.

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Departure from Timor. The Islands Omba and Fetter. A burning Island. Their missing the Turtle-Isles. Bande-Isles. Bird-Island. They descry the Coast of New-Guinea. They Anchor on the Coast of New-Guinea. A description of the place, and of a strange Fowl found there. Great quantities of Mackerel. A white Island. They Anchor at an Island called by the Inhabitants Pulo Sabuda. A description of it, and its Inhabitants, and Product. The Indians manner of Fishing there. Arrival at Mabo, the North-West Cape of New-Guinea. A Description of it. Cockle-Island. Cockles of seventy-eight pound Weight. Pidgeon-Island. The Winds hereabouts. An empty Cockle-shell weighing two hundred fifty-eight Pound. King William's

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Line. A Snake pursued by Fish.
Squally Island. The Main of New-
Guinea.

ON the 12th of *December* 1699, we
sailed from *Babao*, coasting along
the *Island Timor* to the Eastward, towards
New Guinea. It was the 20th before we
got as far as *Laphao*, which is but forty
Leagues. We saw black Clouds in the
North-West, and expected the Wind from
that Quarter above a Month sooner.

That Afternoon we saw the opening
between the *Islands Omba* and *Fetter*, but
feared to pass through in the Night. At
two a Clock in the Morning, it fell calm;
and continued so till Noon, in which
time we drove with the Current back
again South-West six or seven Leagues.

On the 22d, steering to the Eastward
to get through between *Omba* and *Fetter*,
we met a very strong Tide against us, so
that we, although we had a very fresh
Gale, yet made way very slowly; yet be-
fore Night, got through. By a good Ob-
servation we found that the South-East

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point of *Omba* lies in Latitude 8 d. 25 m. In my Draughts it's laid down in 8 deg. 10 min. My true course from *Babao*, is East, 25 deg. North, distance one hundred eighty three miles. We sounded several times when near *Omba*, but had no ground. On the North-East point of *Omba* we saw four or five Men, and a little further three pretty Houses on a low point, but did not go ashore.

At five this Afternoon, we had a Tornado, which yielded much Rain, Thunder and Lightning; yet we had but little Wind. The 24th in the Morning we caught a large Shark, which gave all the Ships Company a plentiful Meal.


The 27th we saw the burning Island, it lies in Latitude 6 deg. 36 min. South; it is high, and but small. It runs from the Sea a little sloaping towards the Top; which is divided in the middle into two Peaks, between which issued out much Smoak: I have not seen more from any Vulcano. I saw no Trees; but the North side appeared green, and the rest look'd very barren.

Having past the burning Island, I shap'd my course for two Islands called *Turtle Isles*, which lye North-East by East a little Easterly, and distant about fifty Leagues from the burning Isle. I fearing the Wind might veer to the Eastward of the North,

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North, steered twenty Leagues North-East, then North-East by East. On the 28th we saw two small low Islands, called *Luca-parros*, to the North of us. At noon I accounted my self twenty Leagues short of the *Turtle Isles*. An. 1699.

The next Morning, being in the Latitude of the *Turtle Islands*, we look'd out sharp for them, but saw no appearance of any Island, till eleven a Clock; when we saw an Island at a great distance. At first we supposed it might be one of the *Turtle Isles*: But it was not laid down true, neither in Latitude nor Longitude from the *burning Isle*, nor from the *Luca-parros*, which last I took to be a great help to guide me, they being laid down very well from the *Burning Isle*, and that likewise in true Latitude and distance from *Omba*: So that I could not tell what to think of the Island now in sight; we having had fair Weather, so that we could not pass by the *Turtle Isles* without seeing them; and This in sight was much too far off for them. We found Variation 1 deg. 2 min. East. In the Afternoon I steered North-East by East for the Islands that we saw. At two a Clock I went and look'd over the Fore-yard, and saw two Islands at much greater distance than the *Turtle Islands* are laid down in my Draughts; one of them was a very high peak'd

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away bending like a half Moon from *Ceram* towards *Timor*, and which in my course I must of necessity pass through. The next Morning betimes, I saw them; and found them to be at a farther distance from *Bird* Island, than I expected. In the Afternoon it fell quite calm; and when we had a little Wind, it was so unconstant, flying from one point to another, that I could not without difficulty get through the Islands where I designed: Besides, I found a Current setting to the Southward; so that it was betwixt five and six in the Evening, before I past through the Islands; and then just weathered little *Watela*, whereas I thought to have been two or three Leagues more Northerly. We saw the day before, betwixt two and three, a Spout but a small distance from us. It fell down out of a black Cloud, that yielded great store of Rain, Thunder and Lightning: This Cloud hovered to the Southward of us for the space of three hours, and then drew to the Westward a great pace; at which time it was that we saw the Spout, which hung fast to the Cloud till it broke; and then the Cloud whirl'd about to the South-East, then to East North-East; where meeting with an Island, it spent it self and so dispersed; and immediately we had a little of the tail of it, having had

An. 1699 had none before. Afterward we saw a Smoak on the Island *Kosway*, which continued till Night.

On *New-years-day* we first descried the Land of *New-Guinea*, which appear'd to be high Land : And the next day we saw several high Islands on the Coast of *New-Guinea*, and ran in with the main Land. The Shore here lies along East-South-East and West-North-West. It is high even Land, very well cloathed with tall flourishing Trees, which appear'd very green, and gave us a very pleasant Prospect. We ran to the Westward of four mountainous Islands ; And in the night had a small Tornado, which brought with it some Rain and a fair Wind. We had fair Weather for a long time ; only when near any Land, we had some Tornadoes ; but off at Sea, commonly clear Weather ; though if in sight of Land, we usually saw many black Clouds hovering about it.

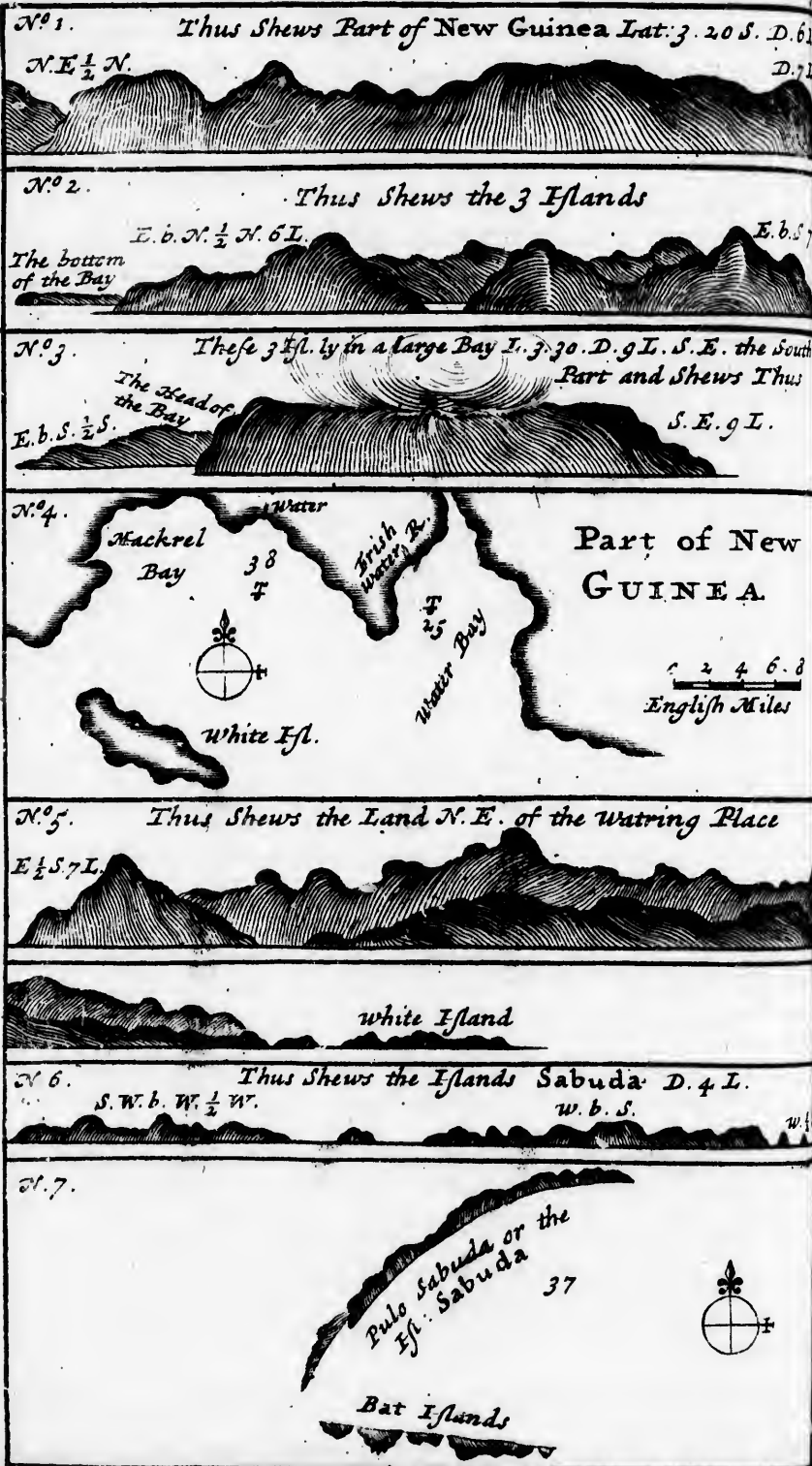
On the 5th and 6th of *January*, we plied to get in with the Land ; designing to anchor, fill Water, and spend a little time in searching the Country, till after the change of the Moon : For I found a strong Current setting against us. We anchor'd in 38 Fathom Water, good oazie Ground. We had an Island of a League long without us, about three Miles distant ; and we rode from the Main about a Mile.

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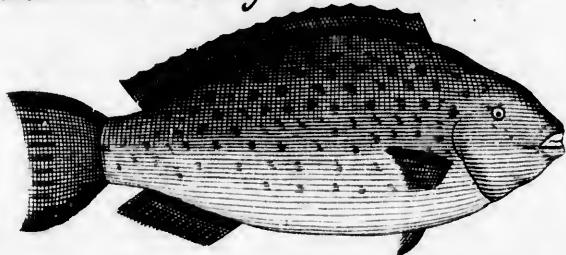


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The next Morning I sent the Boatswain ashore a fishing, and at one haul he catcht Three hundred fifty-two Mackarels, and about twenty other Fishes; which I caus'd to be equally divided among all my Company. I sent also the Gunner and chief Mate, to search about if they could find convenient anchoring nearer a Watering-place: By night they brought word that they had found a fine Stream of good Water, where the Boat could come close to, and it was very easie to be fill'd; and that the Ship might anchor as near to it as I pleas'd: So I went thither. The next Morning therefore we anchor'd in twenty-five Fathom Water, soft oazie Ground, about a Mile from the River: We got on board three Tun of Water that night; and caught two or three Pike-fish, in shape much like a Parracota, but with a longer Snout, something resembling a Garr, yet not so long. The next day I sent the Boat again for Water, and before night all my Casks were full.

Having fill'd here about fifteen Tuns of Water, seeing we could catch but little Fish, and had no other Refreshments, I intended to sail next day; but finding that we wanted Wood, I sent to cut some; and going ashore to hasten it, at some distance from the place where our Men were, I found a small Cove, where I saw two
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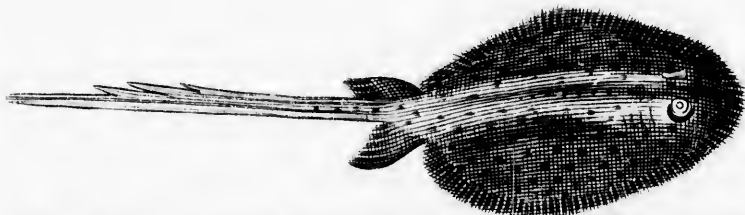


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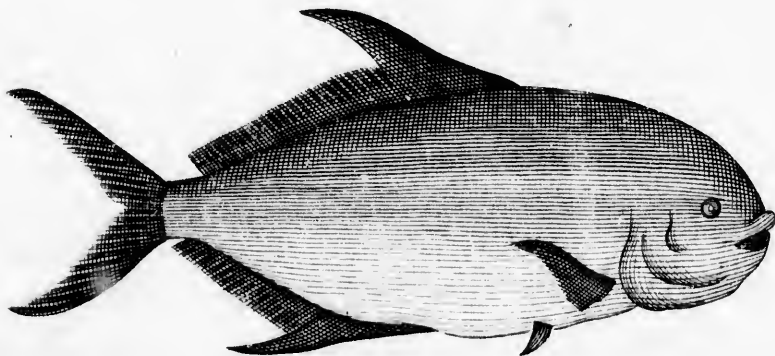


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Barbecues, which appear'd not to be above two Months standing: The Sparrs were cut with some sharp Instrument; so that, if done by the Natives, it seems that they have Iron. On the 10th, a little after twelve a-Clock, we weigh'd and stood over to the North side of the Bay; and at one a-Clock stood out with the Wind at North and North-North-West. At four we past out by a VWhite Island, which I so named from its many white Cliffs, having no name in our Draughts. It is about a League long, pretty high, and very woody: 'Tis about five Miles from the Main, only at the VWest-end it reaches within three Miles of it. At some distance off at Sea, the VWest Point appears like a Cape-land; The North side trends away North-North-VWest, and the East side East-South-East. This Island lies in Latitude 3 degees 4 mir. South; and the Meridian Distance from *Babao*, five hundred and twelve Miles East. After we were out to Sea, we plied to get to the Northward; but met with such a strong Current against us, that we got but little. For if the Wind favour'd us in the night, that we got three or four Leagues; we lost it again, and were driven as far astern next Morning; so that we ply'd here several Days.

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The 14th, being past a point of Land that we had been three days getting about, we found little or no Current; so that having the Wind at North-VVest by VVest and VVest-North-VVest, we stood to the Northward, and had several Soundings: At three a-Clock, thirty-eight Fathom; the nearest part of *New-Guinea* being about three Leagues distance: At four, thirty-seven; at five, thirty-six; at six, thirty-six; at eight, thirty-three Fathom; Then the Cape was about four Leagues distant; so that as we ran off, we found our Water shallower. We had then some Islands to the VVestward of us, at about four Leagues distance.

A little after noon we saw Smokes on the Islands to the VVest of us; and having a fine Gale of VVind, I steered away for them: At seven a Clock in the Evening we anchored in thirty-five Fathom, about two Leagues from an Island, good soft oazie Ground. VVe lay still all night, and saw Fires ashore. In the Morning we weighed again, and ran farther in, thinking to have shallower VVater; but we ran within a Mile of the Shore, and came to in thirty-eight Fathom, good soft holding Ground. While we were under Sail, two Canoas came off within call of us: They spoke to us, but we did not understand their Language,
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This Island has no name in our Draughts, but the Natives call it *Pulo Sabuda*. It is about three Leagues long, and two Miles wide, more or less. It is of a good heighth, so as to be seen eleven or twelve Leagues. It is very Rocky; yet above the Rocks there is good yellow

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and black Mould ; not deep, yet producing plenty of good tall Trees, and bearing any Fruits or Roots which the Inhabitants plant. I do not know all its produce ; but what we saw, were Plantains, Coco-Nuts, Pine-Apples, Oranges, Papaes, Potatoes, and other large Roots. Here are also another sort of wild Jaca's, about the bigness of a Mans two Fists, full of Stones or Kernels, which eat pleasant enough when roasted. The Libby Tree grows here in the Swampy Valleys, of which they make Sago Cakes: I did not see them make any, but was told by the Inhabitants that it was made of the Pith of the Tree, in the same manner I have described in my Voyage round the World. They shew'd me the Tree whereof it was made, and I bought about forty of the Cakes. I bought also three or four Nutmegs in their Shell, which did not seem to have been long gathered ; but whether they be the growth of this Island or not, the Natives would not tell whence they had them, and seem'd to prize them very much. What Beasts the Island affords, I know not : But here are both Sea and Land-Fowl. Of the first, Boobies and Men of War-Birds are chief ; some Golden, and small Milk-white Crab-catchers. The Land-fowls are Pidgeons, about the bigness

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ness of Mountain-Pigeons in *Jamaica*; and Crows about the bigness of those in *England*, and much like them; but the inner part of their Feathers are white, and the outside black; so that they appear all black, unless you extend the Feathers. Here are large Sky-colour'd Birds, such as we lately kill'd on *New Guinea*; and many other small Birds, unknown to us. Here are likewise abundance of Bats, as big as young Coneys; their Necks, Head, Ears and Noses, like Foxes; their Hair rough; that about their Necks, is of a whitish yellow, that on their Heads and Shoulders black; their Wings are four Foot over, from tip to tip: They smell like Foxes. The Fish are Bass, Rock-fish, and a sort of Fish like Mulletts, Old-wives, Whip-rays, and some other sorts that I know not, but no great plenty of any; for 'tis deep Water till within less than a Mile of the Shore; then there is a bank of Coral Rocks, within which you have Shoal Water, White clean Sand: So there is no good Fishing with the Sain.

This Island lies in Latitude 2 deg. 43 min. South, and Meridian distance from Port *Babao* on the Island *Timor*, four hundred eighty six miles. Besides this Island, here are nine or ten other small Islands, as they are laid down in the Draughts.

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The Inhabitants of this Island are a sort of very tawny *Indians*, with long black Hair; who in their manners differ but little from the *Mindanayans*, and others of these Eastern Islands. These seem to be the chief; For besides them we saw also shock Curl-pated *New Guinea Negroes*; many of which are Slaves to the others, but I think not all. They are very poor, wear no Cloaths, but have a Clout about their middle, made of the Rinds of the Tops of Palmeto Trees; but the Women had a sort of Callico Cloaths. Their chief Ornaments are Blue and Yellow-beads, worn about their Wrists. The Men Arm themselves with Bows and Arrows, Lances, broad Swords like those of *Mindanao*; their Lances are pointed with Bone. They strike Fish very ingeniously with Wooden Fiss-gigs, and have a very ingenious way of making the Fish rise: For they have a piece of Wood curv'd and painted much like a Dolphin (and perhaps other Figures;) these they let down into the Water by a Line with a small weight to sink it; when they think it low enough, they haul the Line into their Boats very fast, and the Fish rise up after this Figure; and they stand ready to strike them when they are near the Surface of the Water. But their chief Livelihood is from their Plantations. Yet they

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they have large Boats, and go over to *New Guinea*, where they get Slaves, fine Parrots, &c. which they carry to *Goram* and exchange for Callicoes. One Boat came from thence a little before I arriv'd here ; of whom I bought some Parrots ; and would have bought a Slave, but they would not barter for any thing but Callicoes, which I had not. Their Houses on this side were very small, and seem'd only to be for Necessity ; but on the other side of the Island we saw good large Houses. Their Proes are narrow with Outlagers on each side, like other *Malayans*. I cannot tell of what Religion these are ; but I think they are not *Mahometans*, by their drinking Brandy out of the same Cup with us without any Scruple. At this Island we continued till the 20th Instant, having laid in store of such Roots and Fruits as the Island afforded.

On the 20th, at half hour after six in the Morning, I weigh'd, and standing out we saw a large Boat full of Men lying at the North point of the Island. As we passed by, they row'd away towards their Habitations, where we supposed they had withdrawn themselves for fear of us (tho' we gave them no cause of terrour,) or for some differences among themselves.

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We stood to the Northward till seven in the Evening; then saw a rippling: and the Water being discoloured, we sounded, and had but twenty two Fathom. I went about and stood to the Westward till two next Morning; then tack'd again, and had these several soundings: At eight in the Evening, twenty two; at ten, twenty five; at eleven, twenty seven; at twelve, twenty eight Fathom; at two in the Morning, twenty six; at four, twenty four; at six, twenty three; at eight, twenty eight; at twelve, twenty two.

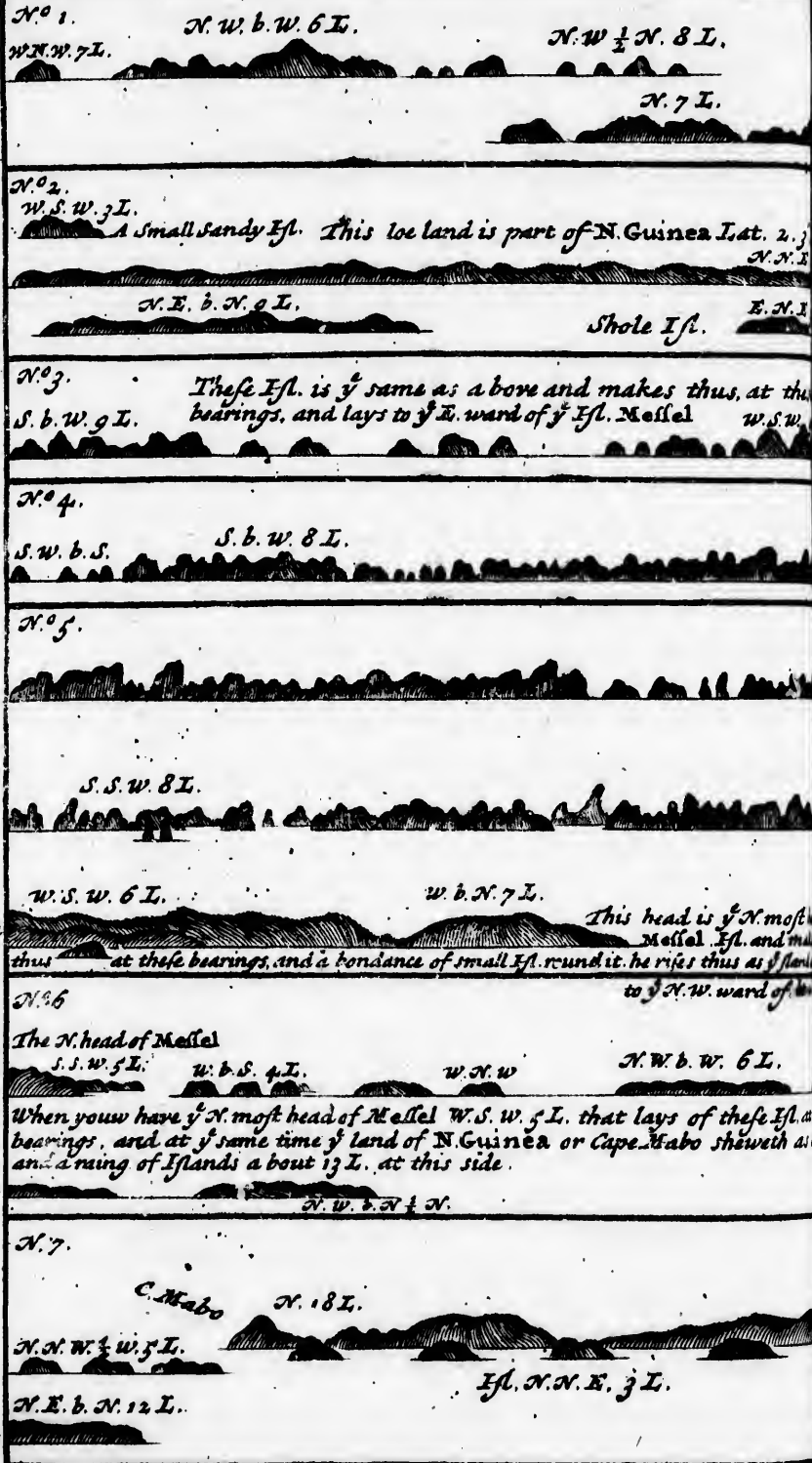
We passed by many small Islands, and among many dangerous Shoals, without any remarkable occurrence, till the 4th of *February*, when we got within three Leagues of the North-West Cape of *New Guinea*, called by the *Dutch* *Cape Mabo*. Off this Cape there lies a small woody Island, and many Islands of different Sizes to the North and North-East of it. This part of *New Guinea* is high Land, adorn'd with tall Trees that appeared very Green and Flourishing. The Cape it self is not very high, but ends in a low sharp point; and on either side there appears another such point at equal distances, which makes it resemble a Diamond. This only appears when you are abreast of the middle point; and then you have no ground within three Leagues of the Shore.

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In the Afternoon we past by the Cape, and stood over for the Islands. Before it was dark, we were got within a League of the Westermost; but had no ground with fifty Fathom of Line. However fearing to stand nearer in the dark, we tack'd and stood to the East, and plyed all Night. The next Morning we were got five or six Leagues to the Eastward of that Island; and having the Wind Easterly, we stood in to the Northward among the Islands; sounded, and had no ground. Then I sent in my Boat to sound, and they had ground with fifty Fathom near a mile from the Shore. We tack'd before the Boat came aboard again, for fear of a Shoal that was about a mile to the East of that Island the Boat went to; from whence also a Shoal-point stretched out it self till it met the other; They brought with them such a Cockle, as I have mentioned in my Voyage round the World, found near *Celebes*; and they saw many more, some bigger than that which they brought aboard, as they said; and for this reason I named it *Cockle-Island*. I sent them to sound again, ordering them to Fire a Musquet if they found good Anchoring; we were then standing to the Southward, with a fine Breeze. Assoon as they fired, I tack'd and stood in: They told me they had fifty Fathom

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At One a-Clock, being past the Shore, and finding the Tide setting to the Westward, I anchor'd in thirty-five Fathom, course Sand, with small Coral and Shells. Being nearest to *Cockle-Island*, I immediately sent both the Boats thither; one to cut Wood, and the other to fish. At four afternoon, having a small Breeze at South-South-West, I made a Sign for my Boats to come aboard. They brought some Wood, and a few small Cockles, none of them exceeding ten pound weight; whereas the Shell of the great one weighed seventy-eight Pound; but it was now high Water, and therefore they could get no bigger. They also brought on board some Pidgeons, of which we found plenty on all the Islands where we touch'd in these Seas. Also in many places we saw many large Batts, but kill'd none, except those I mention'd at *Pulo Sabuda*. As our Boats came aboard,

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we weigh'd and made Sail, steering East-South-East as long as the Wind held : In the Morning we found we had got four or five Leagues to the East of the place where we weighed. We stood to and fro till eleven ; and finding that we lost Ground, anchor'd in forty-two Fathom, course gravelly Sand, with some Coral. This Morning we thought we saw a Sail.

In the Afternoon I went ashore on a small woody Island, about two Leagues from us. Here I found the greatest number of Pidgeons that ever I saw either in the *East* or *West-Indies*, and small Cockles in the Sea round the Island, in such quantities that we might have laden the Boat in an hours time : These were not above ten or twelve pound weight. We cut some Wood, and brought off Cockles enough for all the Ship's Company ; but having no small Shot, we could kill no Pidgeons. I return'd about four a-Clock ; and then my Gunner and both Mates went thither, and in less than three quarters of an Hour they kill'd and brought off ten Pidgeons. Here is a Tide : The Flood sets West and the Ebb East ; but the latter is very faint, and but of small continuance. And so we found it ever since we came from *Timor*. The Winds we found Easterly, between North-East and East-South-East ;

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The 7th in the Morning I sent my Boat ashore on *Pidgeon-Island*, and staid till Noon. In the Afternoon my Men returned, brought twenty-two Pidgeons, and many Cockles, some very large, some small: They also brought one empty Shell, that weigh'd two hundred and fifty-eight Pound.

At four a-Clock we weigh'd, having a small Westerly Wind, and a Tide with us; At seven in the Evening we anchor'd in forty-two Fathom, near *King William's Island*, where I went ashore the next Morning, drank his Majesty's Health, and honour'd it with his Name. It is about two Leagues and a half in length, very high, and extraordinarily well clothed with Woods. The Trees are of diverse
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ports, most unknown to us, but all very green and flourishing; many of them had Flowers, some white, some purple, others yellow; all which smelt very fragrantly. The Trees are generally tall and streight-bodied, and may be fit for any uses. I saw one of a clean Body, without Knot or Limb, sixty or seventy Foot high by estimation. It was three of my Fathoms about, and kept its bigness without any sensible decrease even to the top. The Mould of the Island is black, but not deep; it being very rocky. On the sides and top of the Island, are many Palmeto Trees, whose Heads we could discern over all the other Trees, but their Bodies we could not see.

About one in the Afternoon we weighed and stood to the Eastward, between the Main and *King William's Island*; leaving the Island on our Larboard side, and founding till we were past the Island; and then we had no Ground. Here we found the Flood setting East by North, and the Ebb West by South. There were Shoals and small Islands between us and the Main, which caused the Tide to set very inconstantly, and make many whirlings in the Water; yet we did not find the Tide to set strong any way, nor the Water to rise much.

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On the 9th, being to the Eastward of *King William's Island*, we plied all day between the Main and other Islands, having Easterly VVinds and fair weather till seven the next Morning. Then we had very hard Rain till eight, and saw many Shoals of Fish. We lay becalm'd off a pretty deep Bay on *New Guinea*, about twelve or fourteen Leagues wide, and seven or eight Leagues deep, having low Land near its bottom, but high Land without. The Eastermost part of *New Guinea* seen, bore East by South, distant twelve Leagues: *Cape Mabo* West-South-West half South, distant seven Leagues.

At one in the Afternoon it began to rain, and continu'd till six in the Evening; so that having but little Wind and most Calms, we lay still off the formenti-on'd Bay, having *King William's Island* still in sight, though distant by Judgment fifteen or sixteen Leagues West. We saw many Shoals of small Fish, some Sharks, and seven or eight Dolphins; but catcht none. In the Afternoon, being about four Leagues from the Shore, we saw an Opening in the Land, which seem'd to afford good Harbour: In the Evening we saw a large Fire there; and I intended to go in (if Winds and Weather would permit) to get some Acquaintance with the Natives.

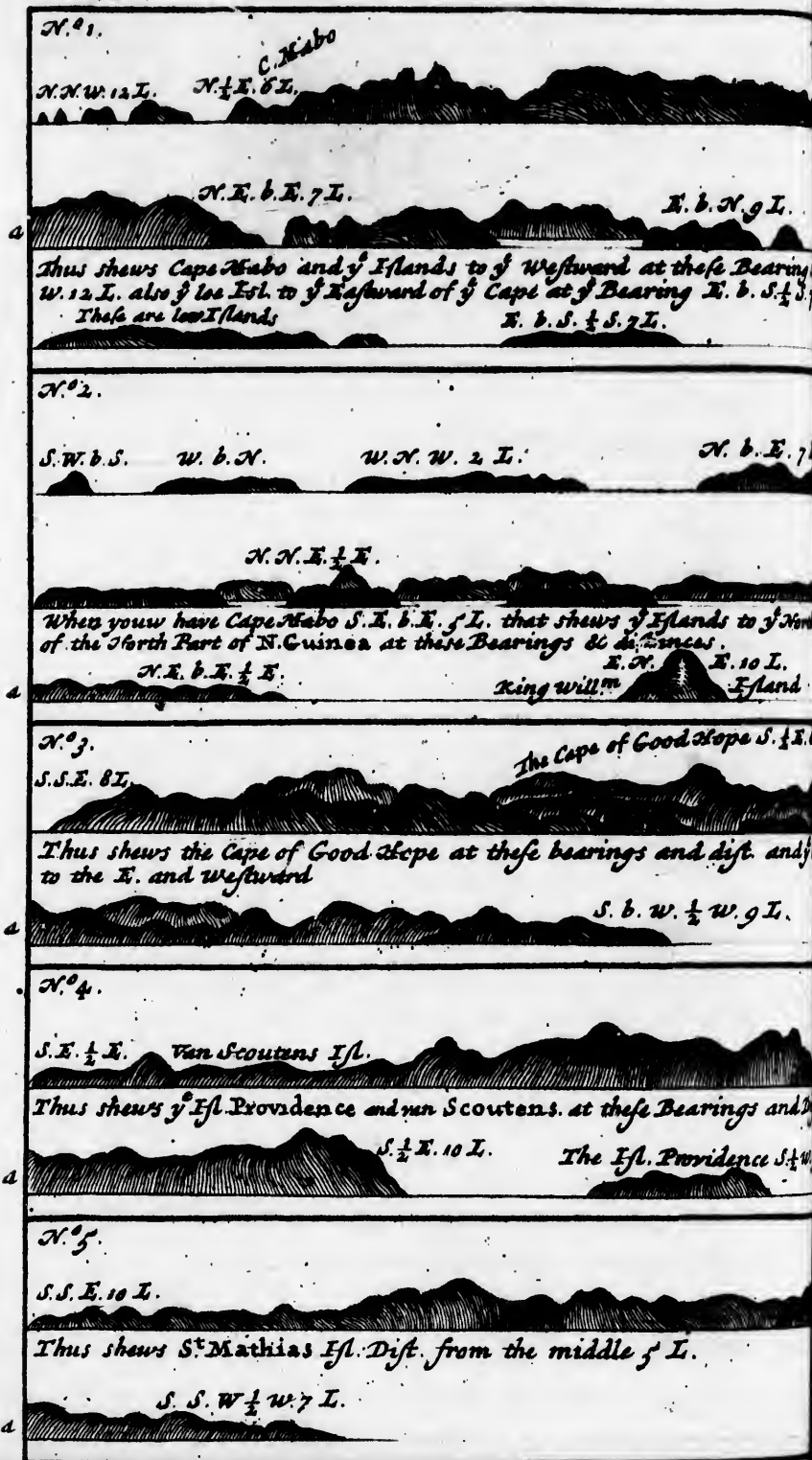
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Since the 4th instant that we passed Cape *Mabo*, to the 12th, we had small Easterly Winds and Calms, so that we anchor'd several times; where I made my Men cut Wood, that we might have a good Stock when a Westerly Wind should present; and so we ply'd to the Eastward, as Winds and Currents would permit; having not got in all above thirty Leagues to the Eastward of Cape *Mabo*. But on the 12th, at four in the Afternoon, a small Gale sprung up at North-East by North, with Rain: At five it shuffled about to North-West, from thence to the South-West, and continued between those two Points a pretty brisk Gale; so that we made Sail and steered away North-East, till the 13th in the Morning, to get about the *Cape of Good Hope*. When'twas Day, we steer'd North-East half East, then North-East by East till seven a-Clock; and being then seven or eight Leagues off Shore, we steer'd away East; the Shore trending East by South. We had very much Rain all night, so that we could not carry much Sail; yet we had a very stedy Gale. At eight this Morning the Weather clear'd up, and the Wind decreas'd to a fine Top-gallant Gale, and settled at West by South. We had more Rain these three Days past, than all the Voyage in so short time. We were now
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about six Leagues from the Land of *New-Guinea*, which appear'd very high ; And we saw two Head-lands, about twenty Leagues asunder ; the one to the East, and the other to the West, which last is called the *Cape of Good Hope*. We found Variation East 4 deg.

The 15th in the Morning between twelve and two a-Clock, it blew a very brisk Gale at North-West, and look'd very black in the South-West. At two it flew about at once to the South-South-West, and rained very hard. The Wind settled sometime at West-South-West, and we steered East North-East till three in the Morning : Then the Wind and Rain abating, we steered East half North for fear of coming near the Land. Presently after, it being a little clear, the Man at the Bowsprit-end, call'd out *Land on our Starboard Bow*. We lookt out and saw it plain. I presently sounded, and had but ten Fathom soft Ground. The Master, being somewhat scar'd, came running in haste with this News, and said it was best to anchor : I told him no, but found again : Then we had twelve Fathom ; the next Cast, thirteen and a half ; the fourth, seventeen Fathom ; and then no Ground with fifty Fathom Line. However we kept off the Island, and did not go so fast but that we could see any other

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
This is a small Island, but pretty high ; I named it *Providence*. About five Leagues to the Southward of this, there is another Island, which is called *William Scouten's Island*, and laid down in our Draughts : It is a high Island, and about twenty Leagues long.

It was by mere Providence that we miss'd the small Island. For had not the VVind come to VVest-South-VVest, and blown hard, so that we steered East-North-East ; we had been upon it by our course that we steered before, if we could not have seen it. This morning we saw many great Trees and Logs swim by us ; which it's probable came out of some great Rivers on the Main.

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The 21st we had a Current setting to the Northward, which is against the true Trade Monsoon, it being now near the full Moon. I did expect it here, as in all other places. VVe had Variation 8 deg. 45 min. East. The 22d we found but little Current; if any, it set to the Southward.

On the 23d in the Afternoon we saw two Snakes; and the next Morning another, passing by us, which was furiously assaulted by two Fishes, that had kept us Company five or six days. They were shaped like Mackarel, and were about that bigness and length, and of a yellow greenish Colour. The Snake swam away from them very fast, keeping his Head above Water; the Fish snap'd at his Tail; but when he turn'd himself, that Fish would withdraw, and another would snap; so that by turns they kept him employed; yet he still defended himself, and swam away a great pace, till they were out of sight.

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The 25th betimes in the Morning, we saw an Island to the Southward of us, at about fifteen Leagues distance. We steer'd away for it, supposing it to be that which the Dutch call *Wishart's* Island; but finding it otherwise, I called it *Matthias*; it being that Saints day. This Island is about nine or ten Leagues long, Mountainous and Woody, with many Savanna's, and some spots of Land which seem'd to be clear'd.

At 8 in the Evening we lay by; intending, if I could, to anchor under *Matthias* Isle. But the next Morning seeing another Island about seven or eight Leagues to the Eastward of it, we steer'd away for it; at noon we came up fair with its South-West-end, intending to run along by it, and Anchor on the South-East side: But the Tornadoes came in so thick and hard, that I could not venture in. This Island is pretty low and plain, and cloath'd with Wood; the Trees were very green, and appear'd to be large and tall, as thick as they could stand one by another. It is about two or three Leagues long, and at the South-VVest point there is another small low woody Island, about a mile round, and about a mile from the other. Between them there runs a riff of Rocks, which joyns them. (The biggest, I named *Squally Island*.)

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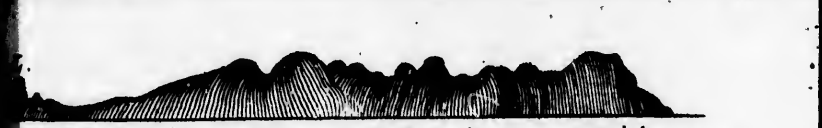
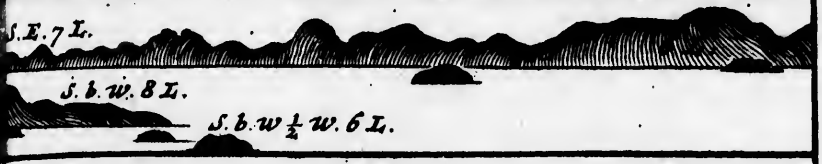
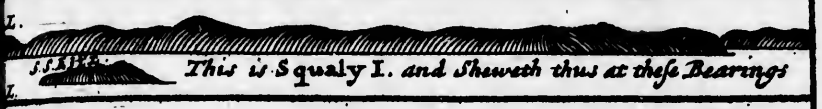
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THE main Land, at this place, is high and mountainous, adorn'd with tall flourishing Trees; The sides of the Hills had many large Plantations and Patches of clear'd Land; which, together with the Smoaks we saw, were certain signs of its being well inhabited; and I was desirous to have some commerce with the Inhabitants. Being nigh the Shore, we saw first one Proe; a little after, two or three more; and at last a great many Boats came from all the adjacent Bays. VVhen they were forty six in Number, they approach'd so near us, that we could see each others signs, and hear each other speak; though we could not understand them, nor they us. They made signs for us to go in towards the Shore, pointing that way; it was squally VVeather, which at first made me cautious of going too near; but the Weather beginning to look pretty well, I endeavoured to get

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Tornado rising in the West, which I most fear'd: Besides, we had near two hundred Men in Proes close by us. And the Bays on the Shore were lined with Men from one end to the other, where there could not be less than three or four hundred more. What Weapons they had, we know not, nor yet their design. Therefore I had, at their first coming near us, got up all our small Arms, and made several put on Cartouch Boxes to prevent Treachery. At last I resolv'd to go out again: Which when the Natives in their Proes perceived, they began to fling Stones at us as fast as they could, being provided with Engines for that purpose; (wherefore I named this place *Slingers Bay*;) But at the Firing of one Gun they were all amaz'd, drew off and flung no more Stones. They got together, as if consulting what to do; for they did not make in towards the Shore, but lay still, though some of them were killed or wounded; and many more of them had paid for their boldness, but that I was unwilling to cut off any of them; which if I had done, I could not hope afterwards to bring them to treat with me.

The next day we sail'd close by an Island, where we saw many Smoaks, and Men in the Bays; out of which came two or three Canoas, taking much pains to

*An. 1699.* overtake us, but they could not, though we went with an easy Sail; and I could not now stay for them. As I past by the South-East point, I sounded several times within a mile of the Sandy Bays, but had no Ground: About three Leagues to the Northward of the South-East point, we opened a large deep Bay, secur'd from West-North-West and South-West Winds. There were two other Islands that lay to the North-East of it, which secur'd the Bay from North-East Winds; One was but small, yet woody; the other was a League long, inhabited and full of Coconut-Trees. I endeavoured to get into this Bay; but there came such flaws off from the high Land over it, that I could not; Besides, we had many hard Squalls, which deterr'd me from it; and Night coming on, I would not run any hazard, but bore away to the small inhabited Island, to see if we could get Anchoring on the East side of it. When we came there, we found the Island so narrow, that there could be no Shelter; therefore I tack'd and stood toward the greater Island again: And being more than midway between both, I lay by, designing to endeavour for Anchorage next Morning. Between seven and eight at Night, we spied a Canoa close by us; and seeing no more, suffered her to come aboard.

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She had three Men in her, who brought <sup>An. 1699</sup> off five Coco-nuts, for which I gave each of them a Knife and a string of Beads, to encourage them to come off again in the Morning: But before these went away, we saw two more Canoas coming; therefore we stood away to the Northward from them, and then lay by again till Day. We saw no more Boats this Night; neither design'd to suffer any to come aboard in the dark.

By nine a Clock the next Morning, we were got within a League of the great Island, but were kept off by violent gusts of Wind. These Squals gave us warning of their approach, by the Clouds which hung over the Mountains, and afterwards descended to the Foot of them; and then it is we expect them speedily.

On the 3d of *March*, being about five Leagues to Leeward of the great Island, we saw the Main Land a-head; and another great high Island to Leeward of us, distance about seven Leagues; which we bore away for. It is called in the *Dutch* Draughts, *Garret Dennis* Isle. It is about fourteen or fifteen Leagues round; high and mountainous, and very woody: Some Trees appeared very large and tall; and the Bays by the Sea-side are well stored vwith Coco-nut-Trees; vwhere vve also savv some small Houses. The sides  
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*An. 1699.* of the Mountains are thick set vwith Plantations; and the Mould in the new clear'd Land, seem'd to be of a brovvv reddish Colour. This Island is of no regular Figure, but is full of points shooting forth into the Sea; betvveen vvhich are many Sandy Bays, full of Coco-nut-Trees. The middle of the Isle lies in 3 deg. 10 min. South Latitude. It is very populous: The Natives are very black, strong, and vvell limb'd People; having great round Heads; their Hair naturally curl'd and short, vvhich they shave into several forms, and dye it also of diverse Colours, *viz.* Red, White and Yellovv. They have broad round Faces vwith great bottle Noses, yet agreeable enough, till they disfigure them by Painting, and by wearing great things through their Noses as big as a Mans Thumb and about four Inches long; these are run clear through both Nostrils, one end coming out by one Cheek-Bone, and the other end against the other; and their Noses so stretched, that only a small slip of them appears about the Ornament. They have also great holes in their Ears, vvherein they vwear such stuff as in their Noses. They are very dextrous active Fellowvs in their Proes, vvhich are very ingeniously built. They are narrow and long, vwith Out-lagers on one side; the Head and Stern higher

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higher than the rest, and carved into many Devices, viz. some Fowl, Fish, or a Mans Hand painted or carv'd: And though its but rudely done, yet the resemblance appears plainly, and shewvs an ingenious fancy. But vvith vvhat Instruments they make their Proes or carved Work, I knowv not; for they seem to be utterly ignorant of Iron. They have very neat Paddles, vvith vvhich they manage their Proes dextrously, and make great way through the Water. Their Weapons are chiefly Lances, Swords and Slings, and some Bows and Arrows: They have also Wooden Fissgigs, for striking Fish. Those that came to assault us in *Slingers Bay* on the Main, are in all respects like these; and I believe these are alike treacherous. Their Speech is clear and distinct; the words they used most, when near us, were *Vaconsee Allamais*, and then they pointed to the Shore. Their signs of Friendship, are either a great Truncheon, or Bough of a Tree full of Leaves, put on their Heads; often striking their Heads with their Hands.

The next day, having a fresh Gale of Wind, we got under a high Island, about four or five Leagues round, very woody, and full of Plantations upon the sides of the Hills; and in the Bays by the Water-side, are abundance of Coço-nut-Trees.

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It lies in the Latitude of 3 deg. 25 min. South, and Meridian Distance from Cape *Mabo* 1316 m. On the South-East part of it are three or four other small woody Islands; one high and peek'd, the other low and flat; all bedeck'd with Coconut-Trees and other Wood. On the North there is another Island of an indifferent height, and of a somewhat larger circumference than the great high Island last mention'd. We pass between this and the high Island. The high Island is called in the *Dutch* Draughts *Anthony Cave's Island*. As for the flat low Island, and the other small one, it is probable they were never seen by the *Dutch*; nor the Islands to the North of *Garret Dennis's Island*. As soon as we came near *Cave's Island*, some Canoas came about us, and made Signs for us to come ashore, as all the rest had done before; probably thinking we could run the Ship a-ground any where, as they did their Proes; for we saw neither Sail nor Anchor among any of them, though most *Eastern Indians* have both. These had Proes made of one Tree, well dug, with Outlagers on one side: They were but small, yet well shap'd. We endeavour'd to anchor, but found no Ground within a Mile of the Shore: We kept close along the North-side, still sounding till we came to the North-

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North-East end, but found no Ground; <sup>An. 1699.</sup> the Canoas still accompanying us; and the Bays were covered with Men going along as we sail'd: Many of them strove to swim off to us, but we left them astern. Being at the North-East point, we found a strong Current setting to the North-West; so that though we had steer'd to keep under the high Island, yet we were driven towards the flat one. At this time three of the Natives came aboard: I gave each of them a Knife, a Looking-Glass, and a String of Beads. I shew'd them Pumpkins and Coco-nut-shells, and made Signs to them to bring some aboard, and had presently three Coco-nuts out of one of the Canoas. I shewed them Nutmegs, and by their Signs I guess'd they had some on the Island. I also shew'd them some Gold-Dust, which they seem'd to know, and call'd out *Manneel, Manneel*, and pointed towards the Land. A while after these Men were gone, two or three Canoas came from the flat Island, and by Signs invited us to their Island; at which the others seem'd displeas'd, and us'd very menacing Gestures and (I believe) Speeches to each other. Night coming on, we stood off to Sea; and having but little Wind all Night, were driven away to the North-West. We saw many great Fires on the flat Island. These last Men  
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that came of to us, were all black, as those we had seen before, with frizled Hair : They were very tall, lusty, well-shap'd Men ; They wear great things in their Noses, and paint as the others, but not much ; They make the same Signs of Friendship, and their Language seems to be one : But the others had Proes, and these Canoas. On the sides of some of these, we saw the Figures of several Fish neatly cut ; and these last were not so shy as the others.

Steering away from *Cave's Island* South-South-East, we found a strong Current against us, which set only in some places in Streams ; and in them we saw many Trees and Logs of Wood, which drove by us. We had but little Wood aboard ; wherefore I hoisted out the Pinnace, and sent her to take up some of this Drift-wood. In a little time she came aboard with a great Tree in a tow, which we could hardly hoist in with all our Tackles. We cut up the Tree and split it for Fire-wood. It was much worm-eaten, and had in it some live Worms above an Inch long, and about the bigness of a Goose-quill, and having their Heads crusted over with a thin Shell.

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We stood along by *St John's Island*, till we came almost to the South-East Point; and then seeing no more Islands to the Eastward of us, nor any likelihood of anchoring under this, I steer'd away for the Main of *New-Guinea*; we being now (as I suppos'd) to the East of it, on this North side. My design of seeing these Islands as I pass along, was to get wood and water, but could find no Anchor-Ground, and therefore could not do as I purpos'd. Besides, these Islands are all so populous, that I dar'd not send my Boat ashore, unless I could have anchor'd pretty nigh. Wherefore I rather chose to prosecute my Design on the Main, the Season of the Year being now at hand; for I judg'd the Westerly Winds were nigh spent.

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On the 8th of *March*, we saw some Smoaks on the Main, being distant from it four or five Leagues. 'Tis very high, woody Land, with some spots of Savannah. About ten in the Morning six or seven Canoas came off to us: Most of them had no more than one Man in them; they were all black, with short curl'd Hair; having the same Ornaments in their Noses, and their Heads so shav'd and painted, and speaking the same words, as the Inhabitants of *Cave's* Island before-mentioned.

There was a Head-land to the Southward of us, beyond which seeing no Land, I supposed that from thence the Land trends away more Westerly. This Head-land lies in the Latitude of 5 deg. 2 min. South, and Meridian distance from *Cape Mabou*, one thousand two hundred and ninety Miles. In the Night we lay by, for fear of over-shooting this Head-land. Between which and *Cape St. Maries*, the Land is high, Mountainous and Woody; having many points of Land shooting out into the Sea, which make so many fine Bays. The Coast lies North-North-East and South-South-West.

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In the Afternoon, as we plied near the Shore, three Canoas came off to us ; one had four Men in her, the others two a-piece. That with the four Men, came pretty nigh us, and shew'd us a Coco-nut and Water in a Bamboo, making signs that there was enough ashore where they lived ; they pointed to the place where they would have us go, and so went away. We saw a small round pretty high Island about a League to the North of this Head-land, within which there was a large deep Bay, whither the Canoas went ; and we strove to get thither before Night, but could not ; wherefore we stood off, and saw Land to the Westward of this Head-Land, bearing West by South half South, distance about ten Leagues ; and, as we thought, still more Land bearing South-West by South, distance twelve or fourteen Leagues : But being clouded, it disappeared, and we thought we had been deceived. Before Night we opened the Head-Land fair, and I named it Cape *St. George*. The Land from hence trends away West-North-West about ten Leagues,

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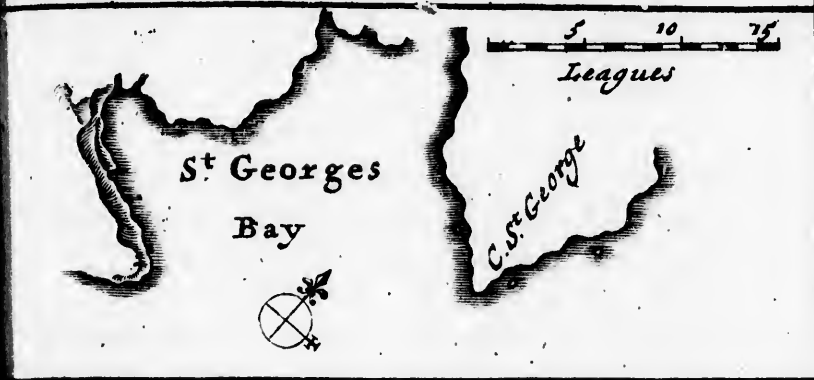
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Trees; yet in the Night we discerned a small Fire right against us. The next Morning we saw a Burning Mountain in the Country. It was round, high, and peaked at top (as most *Vulcano's* are,) and sent forth a great quantity of Smoak. We took up a Log of drift Wood, and split it for Firing; in which we found some small Fish.

The day after, we past by the South-West Cape of this Bay, leaving it to the North of us: When we were abreast of it, I called my Officers together, and named it *Cape Orford*, in honour of my noble Patron; drinking his Lordship's health. This Cape bears from *Cape St. George* South-West about eighteen Leagues. Between them there is a Bay about twenty five Leagues deep, having pretty high Land all round it, especially near the Capes, though they themselves are not high. *Cape Orford* lies in the Latitude of 5 deg. 24 min. South, by my Observation; and Meridian distance from *Cape St. George*, forty four miles West. The Land trends from this Cape North-West by West into the Bay, and on the other side South-West *per Compass*, which is South-West 9 deg. West, allowing the Variation which is here 9 deg. East. The Land on each side of the Cape, is more Savannah than wood Land; and is highest on the

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North-West side. The Cape it self is a Bluff-point, of an indifferent heighth, with a flat Table Land at top. When we were to the South-West of the Cape, it appeared to be a low point shooting out; which you cannot see when abreast of it. This Morning we struck a Log of Drift-wood with our Turtle-Irons, hoisted it in and split it for Fire-wood. Afterwards we struck another, but could not get it in. There were many Fish about it.

We steer'd along South-West as the Land lies, keeping about six Leagues off the Shore; and being desirous to cut Wood and fill VVater, if I saw any conveniency, I lay by in the Night, because I would not miss any place proper for those ends, for fear of wanting such Necessaries as we could not live without. This Coast is high and mountainous, and not so thick with Trees as that on the other side of *Cape Orford*.

On the 14th, seeing a pretty deep Bay a-head, and some Islands where I thought we might ride secure, we ran in towards the Shore, and saw some Smoaks. At ten a Clock we saw a point, which shot out pretty well into the Sea, with a Bay within it, which promised fair for VVater; and we stood in, with a moderate Gale. Being got into the Bay within the

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they were pretty near each other, I caus'd the Guuner to fire a Gun between them, which he did very dextrously; it was loaden with round and Partridge shot; the last dropt in the VWater somewhat short of them, but the round shot went between both Boats, and grazed about a hundred yards beyond them; this so affrighted them, that they both rowed away for the Shore as fast as they could, without coming near each other; and the little Boats made the best of their way after them: And now having a gentle Breeze at South-South-East, we bore into the Bay after them. VWhen we came by the point, I saw a great number of Men peeping from under the Rocks: I ordered a shot to be fired close by, to scare them. The shot graz'd between us and the point; and mounting again, flew over the point, and graz'd a second time just by them. VVe were obliged to sail along close by the Bays; and seeing multitudes setting under the Trees, I ordered a third Gun to be Fired among the Coco-nut-Trees, to scare them; for my business being to VWood and VWater, I thought it necessary to strike some terrour into the Inhabitants, who were very numerous, and (by what I saw now, and had formerly experienced,) treacherous. After this I sent my Boat to sound; they had

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*An.* 1699. set with a Tun and half of Water ; and the next day by noon brought aboard about six Tun of Water.

I sent ashore Commodities to purchase Hogs, &c. being informed that the Natives have plenty of them, as also of Yamms and other good Roots ; But my Men returned without getting any thing that I sent them for ; the Natives being unwilling to Trade with us : Yet they admir'd our Hatchets and Axes ; but would part with nothing but Coco-nuts ; which they us'd to climb the Trees for ; and so soon as they gave them our Men, they beckon'd to them to be gone ; for they were much afraid of us.

The 18th, I sent both Boats again for Water, and before noon they had filled all my Casks. In the Afternoon I sent them both to cut Wood ; but seeing about forty Natives standing on the Bay at a small distance from our Men, I made a signal for them to come aboard again ; which they did, and brought me word that the Men which we saw on the Bay were passing that way, but were afraid to come nigh them. At four a Clock I sent both the Boats again for more Wood, and they return'd in the Evening. Then I called my Officers to consult whether it were convenient to stay here longer, and endeavour a better acquaintance with these people ;

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In the Afternoon I sent the Boats ashore for more Wood ; and some of our Men went to the Natives Houses, and found they were now more shy than they us'd to be ; had taken down all the Coco-nuts from the Trees, and driven away their Hogs. Our People made signs to them to know what was become of their Hogs, &c. The Natives pointing to some Houses in the bottom of the Bay, and imitating the noise of those Creatures, seem'd to intimate that there were both Hogs and Goats of several sizes, which they express'd by holding their Hands abroad at several distances from the Ground.

At night our Boats came aboard with Wood ; and the next Morning I went myself with both Boats up the River to the Watering-place, carrying with me all such Trifles and Iron-work as I thought most proper to induce them to a Commerce with us ; but I found them very shy and roguish. I saw but two Men and a Boy : One of the Men by some signs was perswaded to come to the Boat's side, where I was ; to him I gave a Knife, a String of Beads, and a Glass-bottle ; the Fellow call'd out, *Cocos, Cocos*, pointing to a Village hard by, and signified to us that he would go for some ; but he never return'd to us. And thus they had frequently

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I visited three of their Villages; and finding all the Houses thus abandon'd by the Inhabitants, who carried with them all their Hogs, &c, I brought out of their Houses some small Fishing-nets in recompence for those things they had receiv'd of us. As we were coming away, we saw two of the Natives; I shewed them the things that we carried with us, and called to them, *Cocos, Cocos*, to let them know that I took these things because they had not made good what they had promis'd by their Signs, and by their calling out *Cocos*. While I was thus employ'd, the Men in the Yawle filled two Hogsheads of Water, and all the Barreccoes. About one in the afternoon I came aboard, and found all my Officers and Men very importunate to go to that Bay where the Hogs were said to be. I was loath to yield to it, fearing they would deal too roughly with the Natives. By two a-Clock in the afternoon many black Clouds gather'd over the Land, which I thought would deter them from their Enterprize; but they solicited me the more to let them go. At last I consented, sending

*An. 1699.* ing those Commodities I had ashore with me in the Morning, and giving them a strict charge to deal by fair means, and to act cautiously for their own Security. The Bay I sent them to, was about two Miles from the Ship. Assoon as they were gone, I got all things ready, that, if I saw occasion, I might assist them with my great Guns. When they came to land, the Natives in great Companies stood to resist them; shaking their Lances, and threatning them; And some were so daring, as to wade into the Sea, holding a Target in one Hand and a Lance in the other. Our Men held up to them such Commodities as I had sent, and made signs of Friendship; but to no purpose; for the Natives waved them off. Seeing therefore they could not be prevailed upon to a friendly Commerce, my Men, being resolved to have some Provision among them, fired some Muskets to scare them away; which had the desired effect upon all but two or three, who stood still in a menacing posture, till the boldest dropt his Target and ran away; They suppos'd he was shot in the Arm: He and some others felt the smart of our Bullets, but none were kill'd; our design being rather to fright than to kill them. Our Men landed, and found abundance of tame Hogs running among the Houses. They

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They shot down nine, which they brought away, besides many that ran away wounded. They had but little time; for in less than an hour after they went from the Ship, it began to rain: Wherefore they got what they could into the Boats; for I had charg'd them to come away if it rain'd. By that time the Boat was aboard, and the Hogs taken in, it clear'd up; and my Men desir'd to make another trip thither before night; This was about five in the Evening; and I consented, giving them order to repair on Board before night. In the close of the Evening they returned accordingly, with eight Hogs more, and a little live Pig; and by this time the other Hogs were jerk'd and salted. These that came last, we only drest and corn'd till morning; and then sent both Boats ashore for more Refreshments, either of Hogs or Roots: But in the night the Natives had convey'd away their Provisions of all sorts. Many of them were now about the Houses, and none offer'd to resist our Boats landing, but on the contrary were so amicable, that one Man brought ten or twelve Coco-nuts, left them on the Shore after he had shew'd them to our Men, and went out of sight. Our People finding nothing but Nets and Images, brought some of them away; which two of my Men brought aboard in a  
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*An. 1699.*  small Canoa ; and presently after, my Boats came off. I order'd the Boatswain to take care of the Nets, till we came at some place where they might be disposed of for some Refreshment for the use of all the Company : The Images I took into my own custody.

In the Afternoon I sent the Canoa to the place from whence she had been brought ; and in her, two Axes, two Hatchets (one of them helv'd,) six Knives, six Looking-glasses, a large bunch of Beads, and four Glass-bottles Our Men drew the Canoa ashore, placed the things to the best advantage in her, and came off in the Pinnace which I sent to guard them. And now being well stock'd with Wood, and all my Water-casks full, I resolv'd to sail the next Morning. All the time of our stay here, we had very fair Weather ; only sometimes in the Afternoon we had a Shower of Rain, which lasted not above an hour at most : Also some Thunder and Lightning, with very little VVind. VVe had Sea and Land-breezes ; the former between the South-South-East, and the latter from North-East to North-West.

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*George*, one hundred fifty one miles West. The Country hereabouts is Mountainous and Woody, full of rich Valleys and pleasant fresh Water-brooks. The Mould in the Valleys is deep and yellowish; that on the sides of the Hills of a very brown Colour, and not very deep, but rocky underneath; yet excellent planting Land. The Trees in general are neither very streight, thick, nor tall; yet appear green and pleasant enough: Some of them bore Flowers, some Berries, and others big Fruits; but all unknown to any of us. Coco-nut-Trees thrive very well here; as well on the Bays by the Sea-side, as more remote among the Plantations. The Nuts are of an indifferent size, the Milk and Kernel very thick and pleasant. Here is Ginger, Yamms, and other very good Roots for the Pot; that our Men saw and tasted. What other Fruits or Roots the Country affords, I know not. Here are Hogs and Dogs; other Land-Animals we saw none. The Fowls we saw and knew, were Pidgeons, Parrots, Cockadores and Crows like those in *England*; a sort of Birds about the bigness of a Black-Bird, and smaller Birds many. The Sea and Rivers have plenty of Fish; we saw abundance, though we catch'd but few, and these were *Cavallies*, *Yellow-tails* and *Whip-rays*.

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We departed from hence on the 22d of *March*, and on the 24th in the Evening we saw some high Land bearing North-West half West; to the West of which we could see no Land, though there appeared something like Land bearing West a little Southerly; but not being sure of it, I steered West-North-West all Night, and kept going on with an easie Sail, intending to coast along the Shore at a distance. At ten a Clock I saw a great Fire bearing North West by VWest, blazing up in a Pillar, sometimes very high for three or four Minutes, then falling quite down for an equal space of time; sometimes hardly visible, till it blazed up again. I had laid me down, having been indisposed this three days: But upon a sight of this, my chief Mate called me; I got up and view'd it for about half an Hour, and knew it to be a burning Hill by its intervals: I charg'd them to look well out, having bright Moon-light. In the Morning I found that the Fire we had seen the Night before, was a burning Island; and steer'd for it. We saw many other Islands, one large high Island, and another smaller, but pretty high. I stood near the *Vulcano*, and many small low Islands with some Shoals.

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down to the bottom, and there lying in a heap, burn'd till, either consumed or extinguished; and as long as it burn'd and kept its heat, so long the Smoak ascended from it; which we perceived to increase or decrease, according to the quantity of Matter discharged from the Funnel. But the next Night, being shot to the Westward of the Burning-Island, and the Funnel of it lying on the South side, we could not discern the Fire there, as we did the Smoak in the day when we were to the Southward of it. This Vulcano lies in the Latitude of 5 deg. 33 min. South, and Meridian distance from Cape St. George, three hundred thirty two miles West.

The Eastermost part of *New Guinea* lies forty miles to the Westward of this Tract of Land; and by Hydrographers they are made joyning together: But here I found an opening and passage between, with many Islands; the largest of which, lye on the North side of this Passage or Streight. The Channel is very good, between the Islands and the Land to the Eastward. The East part of *New Guinea*, is high and mountainous, ending on the North-East with a large Promontory, which I nam'd *King William's Cape*, in honour of his present Majesty. We saw some Smoaks on it; and leaving

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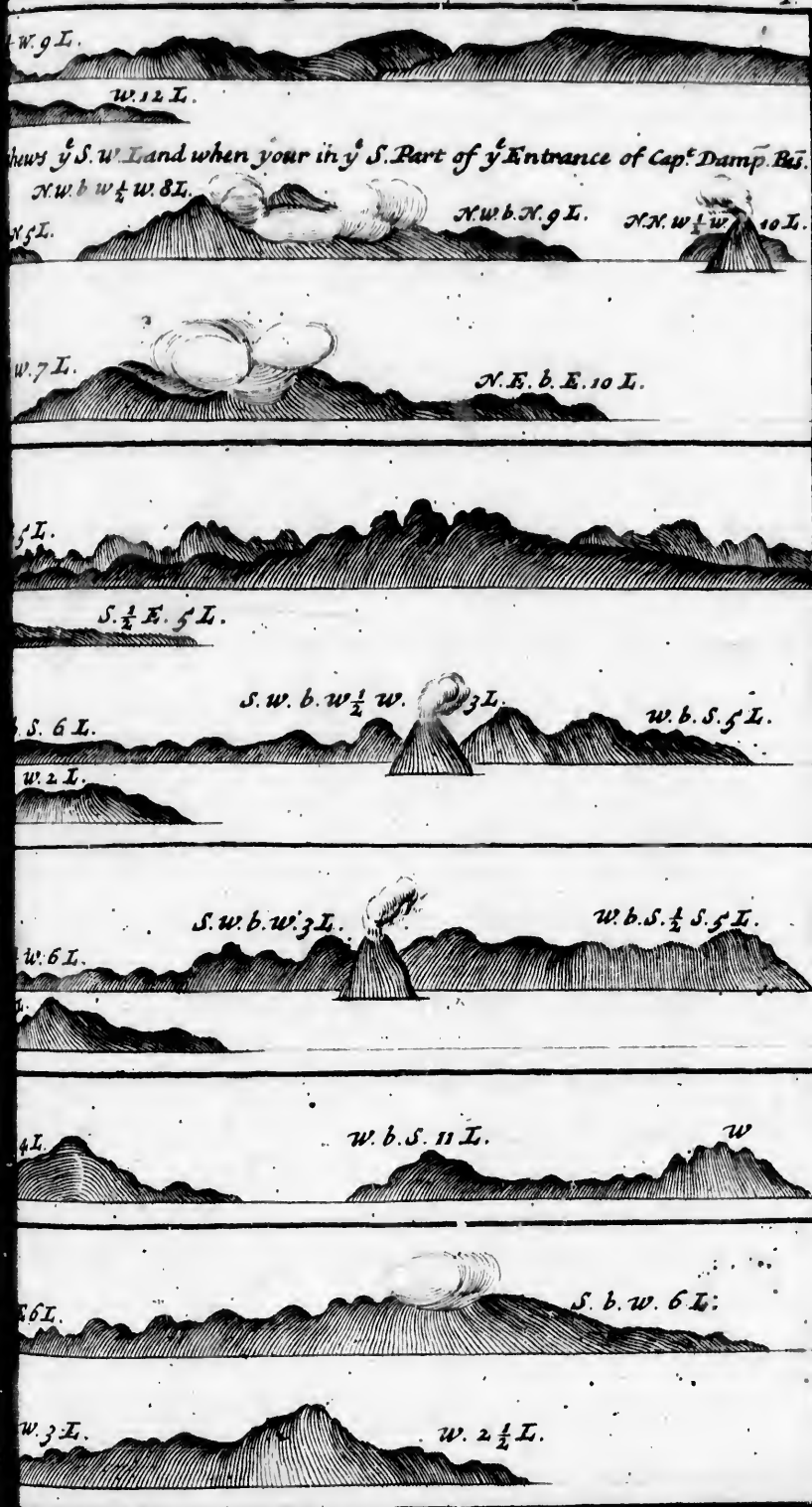
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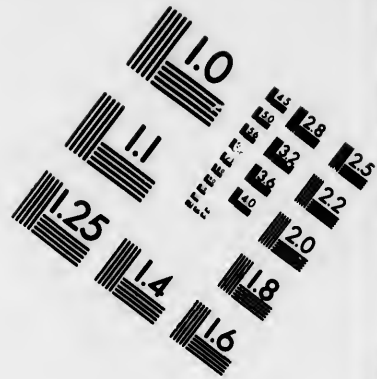
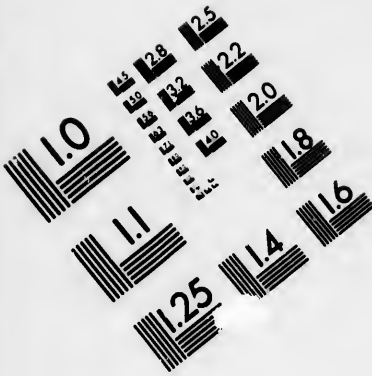
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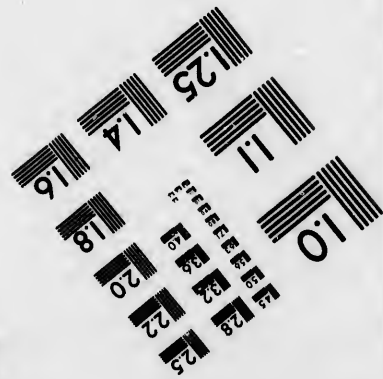
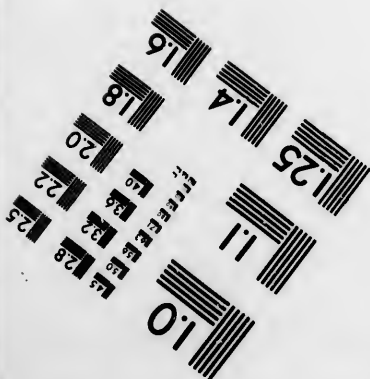
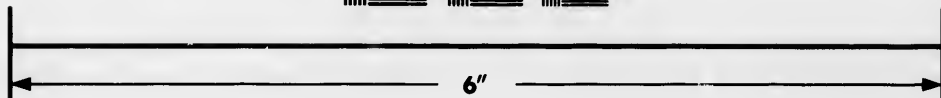
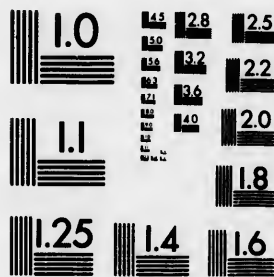
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eaving it on our Larboard side, steer'd away near the East Land ; which ends with two Remarkable Capes or Heads, distant from each other about six or seven Leagues. Within each Head were two very remarkable Mountains, ascending very gradually from the Sea side ; which afforded a very pleasant and agreeable Prospect. The Mountains and lower Land were pleasantly mixt with VWood-Land and Savannahs. The Trees appeared very Green and Flourishing ; and the Savannahs seem'd to be very smooth and even ; No Meadow in *England* appears more Green in the Spring, than these. We saw Smoaks, but did not strive to Anchor here ; but rather chose to get under one of the Islands, (where I thought I should find few or no Inhabitants,) that I might repair my Pinnace, which was so crazy that I could not venture ashore any where with her. As we stood over to the Islands, we look'd out very well to the North, but could see no Land that way ; by which I was well assur'd that we were got through, and that this East Land does not joyn to *New Guinea* ; Therefore I named it *Nova Britannia*. The North-VWest Cape, I called *Cape Gloucester*, and the South-VWest point *Cape Ann* ; and the North-

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West Mountain, which is very remarkable, I call'd Mount *Glocester*.

This Island which I call'd *Nova Britannia*, has about 4 deg. of Latitude: The Body of it lying in 4 deg. and the Northermost part in 2 deg. 30 min. and the Southermost in 6 deg. 30 min. South. It has about 5 deg. 18 min. Longitude from East to West. It is generally high, mountainous Land, mixt with large Valleys; which, as well as the Mountains, appeared very Fertile; and in most places that we saw, the Trees are very large, tall and thick. It is also very well inhabited with strong well-limb'd *Negroes*, whom we found very daring and bold at several Places. As to the product of it, I know no more than what I have said in my Account of *Port Mountague*: But it is very probable this Island may afford as many rich Commodities as any in the World; and the Natives may be easily brought to Commerce, though I could not pretend to it under my present Circumstances.

Being near the Island to the Northward of the *Vulcano*, I sent my Boat to sound, thinking to Anchor here; but she return'd and brought me word that they had no ground, till they met with a Riff of Coral Rocks about a mile from the Shore. Then I bore away to the  
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North side of the Island, where we found no Anchoring neither. We saw several People, and some Coco-nut-Trees, but could not send ashore for want of my Pinnace which was out of order. In the Evening I stood off to Sea, to be at such a distance, that I might not be driven by any Current upon the Shoals of this Island, if it should prove calm. We had but little Wind, especially the beginning of the Night; But in the Morning I found my self so far to the West of the Island, that, the Wind being at East-South-East, I could not fetch it; Wherefore I kept on to the Southward, and stemm'd with the Body of a high Island about eleven or twelve Leagues long, lying to the Southward of that which I before designed for. I named this Island *Sir George Rook's Island*.

We also saw some other Islands to the Westward; which may be better seen in my Draught of these Lands, than here described. But seeing a very small Island lying to the North-West of the long Island which was before us, and not far from it; I steer'd away for that; hoping to find Anchoring there: And having but little Wind, I sent my Boat before to found; which, when we were about two miles distance from the Shore, came on board and brought me word that there

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was good Anchoring in thirty or forty Fathom Water, a mile from the Isle, and within a riff of the Rocks which lay in a half Moon, reaching from the North part of the Island to the South-East; So at noon we got in and anchored in thirty-six Fathom, a Mile from the Isle.

In the Afternoon I sent my Boat ashore to the Island, to see what convenience there was to haul our Vessel ashore in order to be mended, and whither we could catch any Fish. My Men in the Boat rowed about the Island, but could not Land by reason of the Rocks and a great Surge running in upon the Shore. We found Variation here, 8 deg. 25 min. West.

I design'd to have stay'd among these Islands till I had got my Pinnace refitted; but having no more than One Man who had skill to work upon her, I saw she would be a long time in repairing; (which was one great Reason why I could not prosecute my Discoveries further :) And the Easterly Winds being set in, I found I should scarce be able to hold my Ground.

The 31st in the Forenoon we shot in between two Islands, lying about four Leagues asunder; with intention to pass between them. The Southermost is a long Island, with a high Hill at each end;

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end; this I named *Long Island*. The Northermost is a round high Island, towering up with several Heads or Tops, something resembling a Crown; this I named *Crown-Isle*, from its form. Both these Islands appear'd very pleasant, having spots of green Savannahs mixt among the Wood-land: The Trees appeared very Green and Flourishing, and some of them looked white and full of Blossoms. We past close by *Crown-Isle*; saw many Coco-nut-Trees on the Bays and the sides of the Hills; and one Boat was coming off from the Shore, but return'd again. We saw no Smoaks on either of the Islands, neither did we see any Plantations; and it is probable they are not very well peopled. We saw many Shoals near *Crown-Island*, and riffs of Rocks running off from the Points, a mile or more into the Sea. My Boat was once over-board, with design to have sent her ashore; but having little Wind, and seeing some Shoals, I hoisted her in again, and stood off out of danger.

In the Afternoon, seeing an Island bearing North-West by West, we steer'd away North-West by North, to be to the Northward of it. The next Morning, being about mid-way from the Islands we left yesterday, and having this to the

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Westward of us ; the Land of the Main of *New Guinea* within us to the Southward, appear'd very high. When we came within four or five Leagues of this Island to the West of us, four Boats came off to view us ; one came within call, but return'd with the other three without speaking to us : So we kept on for the Island ; which I named *Sir R. Rich's Island*. It was pretty high, woody, and mixt with Savannah's like those formerly mentioned. Being to the North of it, we saw an opening between it and another Island two Leagues to the West of it, which before appear'd all in One. The Main seem'd to be high Land, trending to the Westward.

On *Tuesday* the 2d of *April*, about eight in the Morning, we discovered a high peaked Island to the Westward, which seem'd to smook at its top. The next day we past by the North side of the *Burning Island*, and saw a Smoak again at its top ; but the vent lying on the South side of the Peek, we could not observe it distinctly, nor see the Fire. We afterwards opened three more Islands, and some Land to the Southward, which we could not well tell whether it were Islands or part of the Main. These Islands are all high, full of fair Trees and spots of green Savannahs ; as well the

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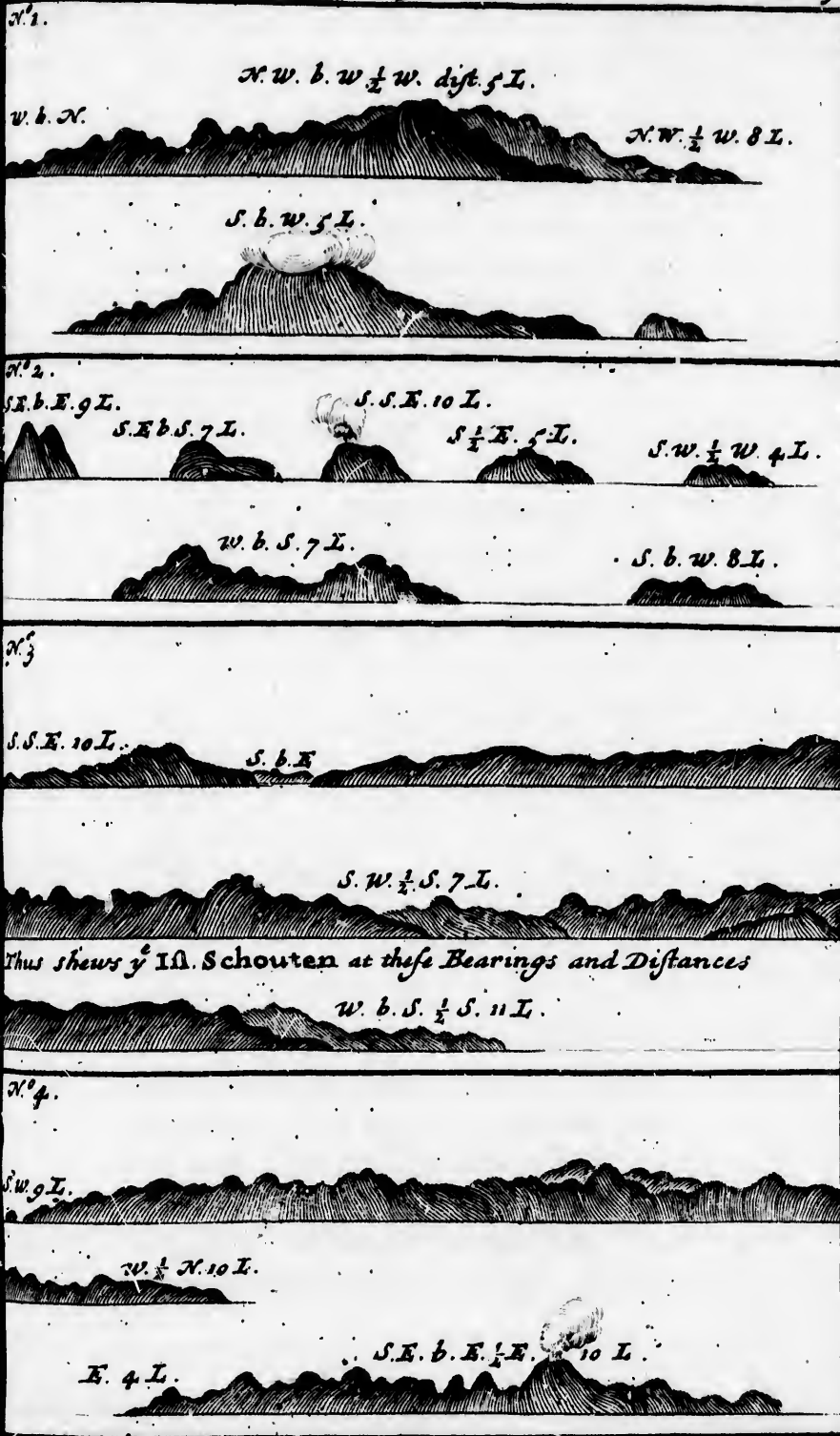
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The 11th at noon, having a very good observation, I found my self to the Northward of my reckoning ; and thence concluded that we had a Current setting North-West, or rather more Westerly, as the Land lies. From that time to the next Morning, we had fair clear Weather, and a fine moderate Gale from South-East to East by North : But at day break, the Clouds began to fly, and it Lightned very much in the East, South-East, and North-East. At Sun-rising, the Sky look'd very Red in the East near the Horizon ; and there were many black Clouds both to the South and North of it. About a quarter of an hour after the Sun was up, there was a Squall to the Windward of us ; when on a sudden one of our Men on the Fore-castle called out that he saw something a-stern, but could not tell what : I look'd out for it, and immediately saw a Spout beginning to  
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work within quarter of a mile of us, exactly in the Wind. We presently put right before it. It came very swiftly, whirling the Water up in a Pillar about six or seven yards high. As yet I could not see any Pendulous Cloud, from whence it might come; and was in hopes it would soon lose its force. In four or five minutes time it came within a Cables length of us, and past away to Leeward; and then I saw a long pale Stream, coming down to the whirling Water. This Stream was about the bigness of a Rainbow: The upper end seem'd vastly high, not descending from any dark Cloud, and therefore the more strange to me; I never having seen the like before. It past about a mile to Leeward of us, and then broke. This was but a small Spout, not strong nor lasting; yet I perceived much Wind in it, as it past by us. The Current still continued at North-West a little Westerly, which I allow'd to run a mile *per* hour.

By an observation the 13th at noon, I found my self 25 min. to the Northward of my reckoning; whether occasion'd by bad Steerage, a bad Account, or a Current, I could not determine: But was apt to judge it might be a complication of all; for I could not think it was wholly the Current, the Land here lying

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East by South, and West by North, or a little more Northerly and Southerly. We had kept so nigh as to see it, and at farthest had not been above twenty Leagues from it, but sometimes much nearer; and it is not probable that any Current should set directly off from a Land. A Tide indeed may; but then the Flood has the same force to strike in upon the Shore, as the Ebb to strike off from it: But a Current must have set nearly along Shore, either Easterly or Westerly; and if any thing Northerly or Southerly, it could be but very little in comparison of its East or West course, on a Coast lying as this doth; Which yet we did not perceive. If therefore we were deceiv'd by a Current, it is very probable that the Land is here disjoyn'd, and that there is a passage through to the Southward, and that the Land from *King William's Cape* to this place is an Island, separated from *New Guinea* by some Streight, as *Nova Britannia* is by that which we came through. But this being at best but a probable conjecture, I shall insist no farther upon it.

The 14th we passed by *Schouten's Island* and *Providence Island*; and found still a very strong Current setting to the North-West. On the 17th we saw a high Mountain on the Main, that sent forth great

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An. 1700.  great quantities of Smoak from its top : This *Vulcano* we did not see in our Voyage out. In the Afternoon we discovered *King William's* Island, and crowded all the Sail we could, to get near it before Night ; thinking to lye to the Eastward of it till day, for fear of some Shoals that lye at the West-end of it. Before Night we got within two Leagues of it, and having a fine Gale of Wind and a light Moon, I resolv'd to pass through in the Night ; which I hop'd to do before twelve a-clock, if the Gale continued ; but when we came within 2 miles of it, it fell calm ; yet afterwards by the help of the Current, a small Gale, and our Boat, we got through before day. In the Night we had a very fragrant smell from the Island. By Morning-light we were got two Leagues to the Westward of it ; and then were becalm'd all the Morning ; and met such whirling Tides, that when we came into them, the Ship turn'd quite round ; and though sometimes we had a small Gale of Wind, yet she could not feel the Helm when she came into these Whirlpools : Neither could we get from amongst them, till a brisk Gale sprung up ; yet we drove not much any way, but whirl'd round like a Top. And those Whirlpools were not constant to one place, but drove about strangely ; and some-

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Sometimes we saw among them large riplings of the Water, like great Overfalls, making a fearful Noise. I sent my Boat to sound, but found no Ground.

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The 18th, Cape *Mabo* bore S. distance nine Leagues. By which account it lies in the Latitude of 50 min. South, and Meridian distance from Cape St. *George* one thousand two hundred forty three miles. St. *Johns* Isle lies forty eight miles to the East of Cape St. *George*; which being added to the distance between Cape St. *George* and Cape *Mabo*, makes one thousand two hundred ninety one Meridional parts; which was the furthest that I was to the East. In my outward bound Voyage I made Meridian distance between Cape *Mabo* and Cape St. *George*, one thousand two hundred and ninety miles; and now in my return, but one thousand two hundred forty three; which is forty seven short of my distance going out. This difference may probably be occasion'd by the strong Western Current which we found in our return, which I allowed for after I perceived it; and though we did not discern any Current when we went to the Eastward, except when near the Islands; yet it is probable we had one against us, though we did not take notice

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W tice of it because of the strong Westerly Winds. *King William's* Island lies in the Latitude of 21 min. South, and may be seen distinctly off of Cape *Mabo*.

In the Evening we past by Cape *Mabo*; and afterwards steer'd away South-East half East, keeping along the Shore, which here trends South-Easterly. The next Morning, seeing a large opening in the Land, with an Island near the South side; I stood in, thinking to Anchor there. When we were shot in within two Leagues of the Island, the Wind came to the West, which blows right into the Opening. I stood in to the North Shore; intending, when I came pretty nigh, to send my Boat into the Opening, and sound, before I would adventure in. We found several deep Bays, but no Soundings within two miles of the Shore; therefore I stood off again. Then seeing a ripling under our Lee, I sent my Boat to sound on it; which return'd in half an hour, and brought me word that the ripling we saw was only a Tide, and that they had no Ground there.



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**T**HE Wind seeming to incline to East, as might be expected according to the Season of the Year ; I rather choef

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chose to shape my Course as these Winds would best permit, than strive to return the same way we came ; which, for many Leagues, must have been against this Monsoon : Though indeed on the other hand, the dangers in that way, we already knew ; but what might be in this, by which we now proposed to return, we could not tell.

We were now in a Channel about eight or nine Leagues wide, having a range of Islands on the North side, and another on the South side, and very deep Water between, so that we had no Ground. The 22d of *April* in the Morning, I sent my Boat ashore to an Island on the North side, and stood that way with the Ship. They found no Ground till within a Cables length of the Shore, and then had Coral Rocks ; so that they could not catch any Fish, though they saw a great many. They brought aboard a small Canoa, which they found a-drift. They met with no Game ashore, save only one party-colour'd Parrakite. The Land is of an indifferent height ; very Rocky, yet cloathed with tall Trees, whose bare Roots run along upon the Rocks. Our People saw a Pond of Salt Water, but found no fresh. Near this Island we met a pretty strong Tide, but found neither Tide nor Current off at some distance. On

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from an Island to the Southward of us, we came over a Shoal on which we had but five Fathom and a half. We did not descrie it, till we saw the Ground under us. In less than half an hour before, the Boat had been sounding in discoloured Water, but had no Ground. VVe mann'd the Boat presently, and tow'd the Ship about; and then sounding, had twelve, fifteen and seventeen Fathom, and then no Ground with our Hand-lead. The Shoal was rocky; but in twelve and fifteen Fathom, we had oazy Ground.

We found here very strange Tides, that ran in Streams, making a great Sea; and roaring so loud, that we could hear them before they came within a mile of us. The Sea round about them seem'd all broken, and tossed the Ship so that she would not answer her Helm. These riplings commonly lasted ten or twelve minutes, and then the Sea became as still and smooth as a Mill-pond. VVe sounded often when in the midst of them, and afterwards in the smooth VWater; but found no Ground, neither could we perceive that they drove us any way.

VVe had in one Night several of these Tides, that came most of them from the

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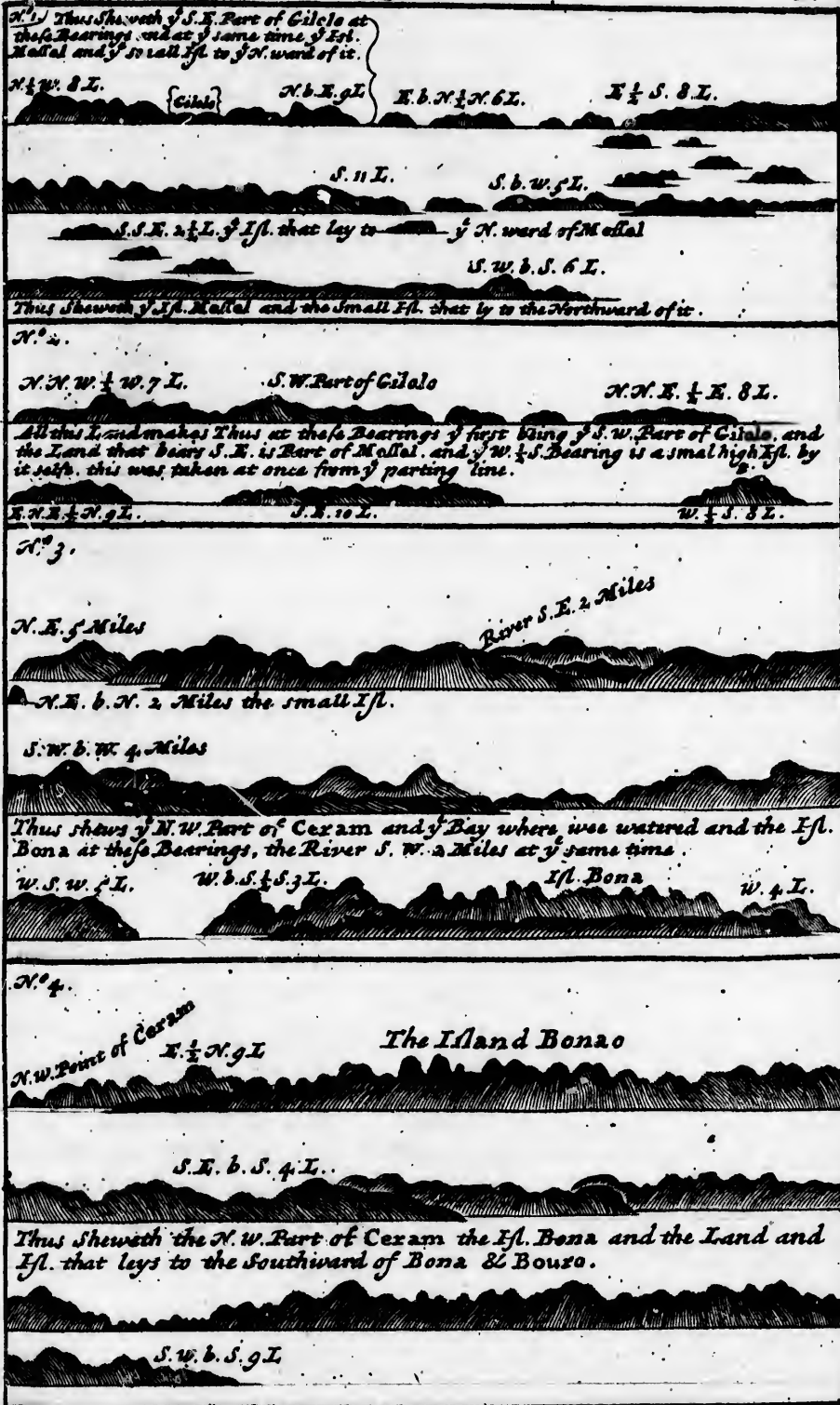
VWest ; and the VVind being from that quarter, we commonly heard them a long time before they came ; and sometimes lowered our Top-sails, thinking it was a gust of Wind. They were of great length from North to South, but their breadth not exceeding two hundred yards, and they drove a great pace : For though we had little VVind to move us, yet these would soon pass away, and leave the VWater very smooth ; and just before we encountred them, we met a great swell, but it did not break.

The 26th, we saw the Island *Ceram* ; and still met some riplings, but much fainter than those we had the two preceedings days. VVe sail'd along the Island *Ceram* to the VWestward, edging in withal, to see if peradventure we might find a Harbour to Anchor in, where we might water, trim the Ship, and refresh our Men.

In the Morning we saw a Sail to the North of us, steering in for the VWest-end of *Ceram*, as we likewise were. In the Evening, being near the Shore on the North-side of the Island, I stood off to Sea with an easy Sail ; intending to stand in for the Shore in the Morning, and try to find Anchoring, to fill VWater, and get a little Fish for refreshment. Accordingly in the Morning early, I stood

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stood in with the North-VVest point of *Ceram*; leaving a small Island, called *Bonao*, to the VVest. The Sail we saw the day before, was now come pretty nigh us, steering in also (as we did) between *Ceram* and *Bonao*. I shortned Sail a little for him; and when he got a-breast of us, not above two miles off, I sent my Boat aboard. It was a *Dutch* Sloop, come from *Terranate*, and bound for *Amboyna*: My Men whom I sent in the Boat, bought five Bags of new Rice, each containing about one hundred and thirty pounds, for six *Spanish* Dollars. The Sloop had many rare Parrots aboard for Sale, which did not want price. A *Malayan* Merchant aboard, told our Men, that about six Months ago he was at *Bencola*, and at that time the Governour either dyed or was kill'd, and that the Commander of an *English* Ship then in that Road succeeded to that Government.

In the Afternoon, having a Breeze at North and North-North-East, I sent my Boat to sound, and standing after her with the Ship, anchored in thirty Fathom VVater oazy Sand, half a mile from the Shore, right against a small River of fresh Water. The next Morning I sent both the Boats ashore to fish; they return'd about ten a Clock, with a

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few Mulletts and three or four Cavallies, and some Pan-Fish. We found Variation here, 2 deg. 15 min. East.

When the Sea was smooth by the Landwinds, we sent our Boats ashore for Water; who, in a few turns, filled all our Casks.

The Land here is low, swampy and woody; the Mould is a dark Gray, friable Earth. Two Rivers came out within a Bow-shot of each other, just opposite to the place where we rode: One comes right down out of the Country; and the other from the South, running along by the Shore, not Musquet shot from the Sea-side. The Northermost River is biggest, and out of it we filled our Water; our Boats went in and out at any time of Tide. In some places the Land is overflown with fresh Water, at full Sea. The Land hereabouts is full of Trees unknown to us, but none of them very large or high; the Woods yield many wild Fruits and Berries, such as I never saw elsewhere. We met with no Land-Animals. The Fowls we found, were Pidgeons, Parrots, Cockadores, and a great number of small Birds unknown to me. One of the Master's Mates killed two Fowls as big as Crows; of a black Colour, excepting that the Tails were all white. Their Necks were pretty long,  
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*A Stately Land Fowl found on the Coast of New Guinea described Page 93.*



*A Strange Land Fowl found on the Island Ceram. described Page 165.*



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one of which was of a Saffron-colour, the other black. They had very large Bills, much like a Rams-horn; their Legs were strong and short, and their claws like a Pidgeons; their Wings of an ordinary length: Yet they make a great noise when they fly, which they do very heavily. They feed on Berries, and perch on the highest Trees. Their Flesh is sweet; I saw some of the same Species at *New Guinea*, but no where else.

May the 3d, at six in the Morning we weigh'd, intending to pass between *Bonao* and *Ceram*; but presently after we got under Sail, we saw a pretty large Proe coming about the North-West point of *Ceram*. Wherefore I stood to the North to speak with her, putting aboard our Ensign. She seeing us coming that way, went into a small Creek, and skulked behind a point a while: At last discovering her again, I sent my Boat to speak with her; but the Proe row'd away, and would not come nigh it. After this, finding I could not pass between *Bonao* and *Ceram*, as I purpos'd; I steer'd away to the North of it.

This *Bonao* is a small Island, lying about four Leagues from the North-West point of *Ceram*. I was inform'd by the *Dutch* Sloop before-mentioned, that notwithstanding its smallness, it hath one

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fine River, and that the *Dutch* are there settled. Whether there be any Natives on it, or not, I know not; nor what its produce is. They further said, that the *Ceramers* were their mortal Enemies; yet that they were settled on the Westermost point of *Ceram*, in spite of the Natives.

The next day, as we approach'd the Island *Bouro*, there came off from it a very fragrant scent, much like that from *King William's* Island; and we found so strong a Current setting to the Westward, that we could scarce stem it. We plied to get to the Southward, intending to pass between *Bouro* and *Keelang*.

In the Evening, being near the West-end of *Bouro*, we saw a Brigantine to the North-West of us, on the North-side of *Bouro*, standing to the Eastward. I would not stand East or West for fear of coming nigh the Land which was on each side of us, *viz.* *Bouro* on the West and *Keelang* on the East. The next Morning we found our selves in Mid-channel between both Islands; and having the Wind at South-West we steer'd South-South-East, which is right through between both. At eleven a Clock it fell calm, and so continued till noon; by that time the Brigantine, which we saw a-Stern the Night before, was got two

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Table XVI Bouro and other Islands between it and Ambo

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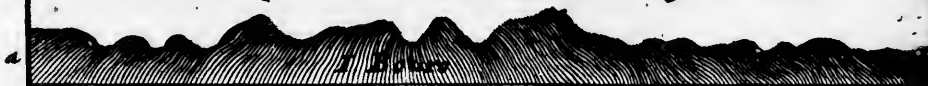
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At these Bearings Sheweth y<sup>e</sup> Isl. Ambo and y<sup>e</sup> Islands as you see to y<sup>e</sup> South westward of it.

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Thus Sheweth y<sup>e</sup> Islands Laubana and Pantorra at these Bearings wch wee came between at y<sup>e</sup> Bearings N. W. b. N. also y<sup>e</sup> Islands between that and Ambo as you see.

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or three Leagues a-head of us. It is probable she met a strong Land-wind in the Evening, which continued all Night; she keeping nearer the Shore, than I could safely do. She might likewise have a Tide or Current setting Easterly, where she was; though we had a Tide setting Northwardly against us, we being in Mid-channel.

About eight at Night, the Brigantine which we saw in the day, came close along by us on our Weather-side: Our Guns were all ready before Night, Matches lighted, and small Arms on the Quarter-Deck ready loaden. She standing one way, and we another; we soon got further asunder. But I kept good watch all the Night, and in the Morning saw her a-Stern of us, standing as we did. At ten a Clock, having little Wind, I sent the Yawle aboard of her. She was a Chinese Vessel, laden with Rice, Arrack, Tea, Porcellane, and other Commodities, bound for *Amboyna*. The Commander said that his Boat was gone ashore for Water, and ask'd our Men if they saw her; for she had been wanting two or three days, and they knew not what was become of her. They had their Wives and Children aboard, and probably came to settle at some new *Dutch* Factory. The Commander also

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inform'd us, that the *Dutch* had lately settled at *Ampulo*, *Menippe*, *Bonao*, and on a point of *Ceram*. The next day we past out to the Southward between *Kee-lang* and *Bouro*. After this, we had for several days a Current setting Southerly, and a great tumbling Sea, occasion'd more by the strong Current than by Winds, as was apparent by the jumping of its Waves against each other; and by Observation I found twenty-five miles more Southing then our Course gave us.

On the 14th we discovered the Island *Misacomby*, and the next day sail'd along to the West on the North side of the Island. In some Charts it is called *Omba*; it is a mountainous Island, spotted with Woods and Savannahs; about twenty Leagues long, and five or six broad. We saw no signs of Inhabitants on it. We fell in nearest to the West end of it; and therefore I chose to pass on to the Westward, intending to get through to the Southward between this and the next Isle to the West of it, or between any other two Islands to the West, where I should meet with the clearest passage; because the Winds were now at North-East and East-North-East, and the Isle lies nearly East and West; so that if the Winds continued, I might be a long

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long time in getting to the East end of it, which yet I knew to be the best passage. In the Night, being at the West-end, and seeing no clear passage, I stood off with an easie Sail, and in the Morning had a fine Land-wind, which would have carried us five or six Leagues to the East, if we had made the best of it ; but we kept on only with a gentle Gale, for fear of a Westerly Current. In the Morning, finding we had not met with any Current as we expected ; assoon as it was Light, we made Sail to the Westward again

After noon, being near the end of the Isle *Pentare*, which lies West from *Misacomby*, we saw many Houses and Plantations in the Country, and many Coco-nut-Trees growing by the Sea side. We also saw several Boats sailing cross a Bay or Channel at the West end of *Misacomby*, between it and *Pentare* We had but little Wind, and that at North, which blows right in, with a swell rowling in withal ; wherefore I was afraid to venture in, though probably there might be good Anchoring, and a Commerce with the Natives. I continued steering to the West, because the Night before, at Sun-setting, I saw a small round high Island to the West of *Pentare*, where I expected a good passage.

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We could not that day reach the West end of *Pentare*, but saw a deep Bay to the West of us, where I thought might be a passage through, between *Pentare* and *Laubana*. But as yet the Lands were shut one within an other, that we could not see any passage. Therefore I ordered to sail seven Leagues more Westerly, and lye by till next day. In the Morning we look'd out for an Opening, but could see none; yet by the distance and bearing of a high round Island called *Poxoro*, we were got to the West of the Opening, but not far from it. Wherefore I tack'd and stood to the East; and the rather, because I had reason to suppose this to be the passage we came through in the *Cygnets* mentioned in my Voyage round the World; but I was not yet sure of it, because we had rainy Weather, so that we could not now see the Land so well as we did then. We then accidentally saw the Opening, at our first falling in with the Islands; which now was a work of some time and difficulty to discover. However before ten a Clock we saw the Opening plain; and I was the more confirm'd in my knowledge of this passage, by a Spit of Sand and two Islands at the North-East part of its entrance. The Wind was at South-South-West, and we plied to

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to get through before Night ; for we found a good Tide helping us to the South. About seven or eight Leagues to the West of us we saw a high round piked Mountain, from whose top a Smoak seem'd to ascend as from a *Vulcano*. There were three other very high piked Mountains, two on the East, and one on the West of that which smoak-ed.

In our plying to get through between *Pentare* and *Laubana*, we had (as I said) a good Tide or Current setting us to the Southward. And it is to be observed, that near the Shores in these parts we commonly find a Tide setting Northwardly or Southwardly, as the Land lyes ; but the Northwardly Tide sets not above three hours in twelve, having little strength ; and sometimes it only checks the contrary Current, which runs with great violence, especially in narrow passes, such as this, between two Islands. It was twelve at Night before we got clear of two other small Islands, that lay on the South side of the passage ; and there we had a very violent Tide setting us through against a brisk Gale of Wind. Notwithstanding which, I kept the Pinnace out, for fear we should be becalm'd. For this is the same place, through which I passed in the Year one thousand six hundred

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An. 1700. hundred eighty seven, mentioned in my Voyage round the World, (pag. 459.) Only then we came out between the Western small Island and *Laubana*, and now we came through between the two small Islands. We sounded frequently, but had no Ground. I said there, that we came through between *Omba* and *Pentare*: For we did not then see the Opening between those two Islands; which made me take the West side of *Pentare* for the West end of *Omba*, and *Laubana* for *Pentare*. But now we saw the Opening between *Omba* and *Pentare*; which was so narrow, that I would not venture through: Besides, I had now discovered my mistake, and hop'd to meet with the other passage again, as indeed we did, and found it to be bold from side to side, which in the former Voyage I did not know. After we were through, we made the best of our way to *Timor*; and on *May* the 18th in the Morning, we saw it plain, and made the high Land over *Laphao* the *Portuguese* Factory, as also the high Peak over our first Watering-place, and a small round Island about mid-way between them.

We coasted along the Island *Timor*, intending to touch at *Babao*, to get a little Water and Refreshments. I would not go into the Bay where we first water'd,

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ter'd, because of the Currents which there whirle about very strangely, especially at Spring-tides, which were now setting in; besides, the South-East Winds come down in flaws from the Mountains, so that it would have been very dangerous for us. Wherefore we crowded all the Sail we could, to get to *Babao* before Night, or at least to get sight of the Sandy Island at the entrance of the Bay; but could not. So we plied all Night; and the next Morning entered the Bay.

There being good Ground all over this Bay, we anchored at two a Clock in thirty Fathom Water, soft oazy Ground. And the Morning after I sent my Boat ashore with the Sain to Fish. At noon she return'd and brought enough for all the Ship's Company. They saw an *Indian* Boat at a round Rocky Island about a mile from them.

On the 22d, I sent my Boat ashore again to Fish: At noon she return'd with a few Fish, which serv'd me and my Officers. They catch'd one Whiteing, the first I had seen in these Seas. Our people went over to the Rocky Island, and there found several Jarrs of Turtle, and some hanging up a drying, and some Cloaths; their Boat was about a mile off, striking Turtle. Our Men left all as they found.



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found. In the Afternoon, a very large Shark came under our Stern; I never had seen any near so big before. I put a piece of Meat on a Hook for him, but he went a-Stern and return'd no more. About Mid-night, the Wind being pretty moderate, I weigh'd and stood into the bottom of the Bay, and ran over nearer the South Shore, where I thought to lye and water, and at convenient times get Fish for our refreshment. The next Morning, I sent my Pinnace with two Hogsheds and ten Barrecoes for Water; They return'd at noon with the Casks full of Water, very thick and muddy, but sweet and good. VVe found Variation, 15 min. VVest.

This Afternoon, finding that the Breezes were set in here, and that it blew so hard that I could neither fish nor fill Water without much difficulty and hazard of the Boat; I resolv'd to be gone, having good quantity of VVater aboard. Accordingly at half an hour after two in the Morning we weigh'd with the Wind at East by South, and stood to Sea. We coasted along by the Island *Rotte*, which is high Land, spotted with VVoods and Savannahs. The Trees appear'd small and shrubby, and the Savannahs dry and rusty. All the North-side, has Sandy Bays by the Sea. We saw no Houses nor Plantations. The

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The next day we crowded all the Sail we could, to get to the West of all the Isles before Night, but could not; for at six in the Evening we saw Land bearing South-VVest by VVest. For here are more Islands than are laid down in any Draughts that I have seen. Wherefore I was oblig'd to make a more West-erly Course than I intended, till I judg'd we might be clear of the Land. And when we were so, I could easily perceive by the Ships motion. For till then, being under the Lee of the Shore, we had smooth Water; but now we had a troubled Sea which made us dance lustily. This turbulent Sea, was occasion'd in part by the Current; which setting out slanting against the Wind, was by it raised into short cockling Seas. I did indeed expect a South-West Current here, but not so very strong as we found it.

On the 26th we continued to have a very strong Current setting Southwardly; but on what point exactly, I know not. Our whole distance by Log was but eighty two miles, and our difference of Latitude since Yesterday-noon by observation one hundred miles, which is eighteen miles more than the vvhole distance; and our course, allowvving no Lee-vvay at all, vvas South 17 deg. West, vvhich gives but seventy six miles difference of  
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Latitude, twenty four less than we found by observation. I did expect (as has been said) vve might meet a great Current setting to the South yesterday, because there is a constant Current setting out from among those Islands vve pass'd through betveen *Timor* and the Isles to the West of it, and, 'tis probable, in all the other Openings betveen the Islands, even from the East end of *Java* to the end of all that Range that runs from thence, both to the East and West of *Timor*: But being got so far out to Sea as we were, though there may be a very great Current, yet it does not seem probable to me that it should be of so great strength as we now found: For both Currents and Tides loose their force in the open Sea, where they have room to spread; and it is only in narrow places; or near Head-lands, that their force is chiefly felt. Besides in my opinion, it should here rather set to the West than South; being open to the narrow Sea, that divides *New-Holland* from the range of Islands before-mentioned.

The 27th, we found that in the last twenty four hours vve had gone nine miles less South than the Log gave: So that 'tis probable vve were then out of the Southern Current, vvhich vve felt so

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so much before. We saw many Tropic-Birds about us. And found Variation 1 deg. 25 min. West.

On *June* the 1st, we saw several Whales, the first we had at this time seen on the Coast: But when we were here before, we saw many; at which time we were nearer the Shore than now. The Variation now, was 5 deg. 38 min. West.

I design'd to have made *New Holland* in about the Latitude of 20 deg. and steer'd Courses by day to make it, but in the Night could not be so bold; especially since we had sounding. This Afternoon I steer'd in South-VWest, till six a Clock; then it blowing fresh, and Night coming on, I steer'd West-South-West, till we had forty Fathom; and then stood West, which course carries along Shore. In the Morning again from six to twelve I steer'd West-South-West, to have made the Land; but, not seeing it, I judg'd we were to the West of it. Here is very good Soundings on this Coast. When we past this way to the Eastward, we had, near this Latitude of 19 deg. 50 min. thirty-eight Fathom, about eighteen Leagues from the Land: But, this time, we saw not the Land. The next Morning I saw a great many Scuttle-Fish-bones, which was a sign that we

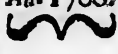
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Ve found the Variation increase considerably as we went VWestward. For on the 3d, it was 6 deg. 10 min. West; on the 4th, 6 deg. 20 min. and on the 6th, 7 deg. 20 min. That Evening we saw some Fowls like *Men of War Birds* flying North-East, as I was told; for I did not see them, having been indisposed these three or four days.

On the 11th we found the Variation 8 deg. 1 min. West; on the 12th, 6 deg. 0 min. I kept on my Course to the Westward till the 15th, and then altered it. My design was to seek for the *Tryal Rocks*; but having been sick five or six days, without any fresh Provision or other good Nourishment aboard, and seeing no likelihood of my recovery, I rather chose to go to some Port in time, than to beat here any longer; my people being very negligent, when I was not upon Deck my self: I found the VVinds variable, so that I might go any way, East, West, North, or South; wherefore, its probable I might have found the said Rocks, had not Sickness prevented me; which discovery (when ever made) will be of great use to Merchants trading to these parts.

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From hence nothing material hap-<sup>An. 1700.</sup>pened, till we came upon the Coast of  Java. On the 23d we saw *Princes-Isle* plain, and the Mouth of the Streights of *Sunda*. By my computation, the distance between *Timor* and *Princes-Isle*, is 14 deg. 22 min. The next day in the Afternoon, being abreast of *Crockadore* Island, I steer'd away East-North-East for an Island that lies near Mid-way between *Sumatra* and *Java*, but nearest the *Java* Shore; which is by *English* Men called *Thwart-the-way*. We had but small Winds till about three a Clock, when it freshned, and I was in good hopes to pass through before day: But at nine a Clock the Wind fell, and we got but little. I was then abreast of *Thwart-the-way*, which is a pretty high long Island; but before eleven, the Wind turned, and presently afterward it fell calm. I was then about two Leagues from the said Island; and, having a strong Current against us, before day we were driven astern four or five Leagues. In the Morning we had the Wind at North-North-West; it look'd black and the Wind unfettled: So that I could not expect to get through. I therefore stood toward the *Java* Shore, and at ten anchored in twenty four Fathom Water, black oazy Ground, three Leagues from the Shore,

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I founded in the Night when it was calm, and had fifty-four Fathom, course Sand and Coral.

In the Afternoon before, we had seen many Proes; but none came off to us; and in the Night we saw many Fires ashore. This day a large Proe came aboard of us, and lay by our side an hour. There were only four Men in her, all *Javians*, who spoke the *Malayan* Language. They ask'd if we were *English*; I answered, we were; and presently one of them came aboard, and presented me with a small Hen, some Eggs and Coco-nuts; for which I gave some Beads and a small Looking-Glass, and some Glass-Bottles. They also gave me some Sugar-canes, which I distributed to such of my Men as were Scorbutick. They told me there were three *English* Ships at *Batavia*.

The 28th at two in the Afternoon, we anchored in twenty-six Fathom Water; presently it fell calm and began to rain very violently, and so continued from three till nine in the Evening. At one in the Morning we weigh'd with a fine Land-wind at South-South-East; but presently the Wind coming about at East, we anchored; for we commonly found the Current setting West. If at any time it turn'd, it was so weak, that it did us little

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little good ; and I did not think it safe to venture through without a pretty brisk leading Gale ; for the passage is but narrow, and I knew not what dangers might be in the way, nor how the Tide sets in the Narrow, having not been this way these twenty-eight Years, and all my People wholly strangers : We had the Opening fair before us.

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While we lay here, four *Malayan* Proes came from the Shore, laden with Coco-nuts, Plantains, Bonanoes, Fowls, Ducks, Tobacco, Sugar, &c. These were very welcome, and we purchased much refreshment of them. At ten a Clock I dismiss'd all the Boats, and weigh'd with the Wind at North-West. At half an hour past six in the Evening, we anchored in thirty-two Fathom Water in a course sort of Oaze. We were now past the Island *Thwart-the-way*, but had still one of the small Islands to pass. The Tide begun to run strong to the West ; which obliged me to anchor while I had Soundings, for fear of being driven back again or on some unknown Sand. I lay still all Night. At five a Clock the next Morning, the Tide began to slacken : At six, I weigh'd with the Wind at South-East by East, a handsome Breeze. We just weather'd the *Button* ; and sounding several times, had still be-



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twveen thirty and forty Fathom. When vve vvere abreast of the *Button*, and about tvvo Leagues from the Westermost point of *Java*, vve had thirty-four Fathom, small Peppery Sand. You may either come betvveen this Island and *Java*, or, if the Wind is Northerly, run out betvveen the Island *Thwart-the-way* and this last small Island.

The Wind for the most part being at East and East by South, I vvas obliged to run over tovwards the *Sumatra* Shore, founding as I went, and had from thirty-four to tvventy-three Fathom. In the Evening I sounded pretty quick, being got near the *Sumatra* Shore; and, finding a Current setting to the West, betvveen eight and nine a Clock vve anchored in thirty-four Fathom. The Tide set to the West from seven in the Evening to seven this Morning; and then, having a small Gale at West-South-West, I vveigh'd and stood over to the *Java* Shore.

In the Evening, having the Wind betvveen East-North-East and South-East by East, vve could not keep off the *Java* Shore. Wherefore I Anchored in twenty seven Fathom Water, about a League and a half off Shore. At the same time vve savv a Ship at anchor near the Shore, about tvvo miles to Leevvard of

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us. We found the Tide setting to the Westward, and presently after vve Anchored, it fell calm. VVe lay still all Night, and savv many Fires ashore. At five the next Morning, being *July* the 1st, vve vveigh'd and stood to the North for a Sea-breeze : At ten the Wind coming out, I tack'd and had a fine brisk Gale. The Ship vve savv at anchor, vveigh'd also and stood after us. While vve past by *Pulo Baby*, I kept sounding, and had no less than fourteen Fathom. The other Ship coming after us vvith all the Sail she could make, I shortned Sail on purpose that she might overtake us, but she did not. A little after five, I anchored in thirteen Fathom good oazy Ground. About seven in the Evening, the Ship that followv'd us, past by close under our Stern ; she vvas a *Dutch* Fly-boat ; they told us they came directly from *Holland*, and had been in their passage six Months. It vvas novv dark, and the *Dutch* Ship anchored vvithin a mile of us. I ordered to look out sharp in the Morning ; that, so soon as the *Dutch* Man began to move, vve might be ready to followv him ; for I intended to make him my Pilot. In the Morning at half an hour after five vve vveigh'd, the *Dutch* Man being under Sail before ; and vve stood directly after him. At

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*An. 1700.* eight, having but little Wind, I sent my Boat aboard of him, to see vvha' Nevvs he had brought from *Europe*. Soon after, vve spied a Ship coming from the East, plying on a Wind to speak vvith us, and shewing *English* Colours. I made a signal for my Boat, and presently bore away towards her; and being pretty nigh, the Commander and Super-cargoe came aboard, supposing we had been the *Tuscany* Galley, which was expected then at *Batavia*. This was a Country Ship, belonging to Fort St. George, having come out from *Batavia* the day before, and bound to *Bencola*. The Commander told me that the *Fleet-frigat* was at Anchor in *Batavia* Road, but would not stay there long: He told me also, that his Majesty Ships commanded by Captain *Warren* were still in *India*, but he had been a great while from the Coast and had not seen them. He gave me a Draught of these Streights, from the *Button* and *Cap* to *Batavia*, and shew'd me the best way in thither. At eleven a Clock, it being calm, I anchored in fourteen Fathom good oazy Ground.

At two a Clock we weigh'd again; the *Dutch* Ship being under Sail before, standing close to *Mansheters* Island; but finding he could not weather it, he tack'd and stood off a little while, and then

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then tack'd again. In the mean time I stood pretty nigh the said Island, sounding, but could not weather it. Then I tack'd and stood off, and the *Dutch* stood in towards the Island; and weathered it. I being desirous to have room enough, stood off longer, and then went about, having the *Dutch* Ship four points under my Lee. I kept after him; but as I came nearer the Island, I found a Tide setting to the West, so that I could not weather it. Wherefore at six in the Evening I anchored in seven Fathom oozy Ground, about a mile from the Island: The *Dutch* Ship went about two miles further, and anchored also; and we both lay still all Night. At five the next Morning we weigh'd again, and the *Dutch* Ship stood away between the Island *Cambusses* and the Main; but I could not follow, because we had a Land-wind. Wherefore I went without the *Cambusses*, and by noon we saw the Ships that lay at the Careening Island near *Batavia*. After the Land-wind was spent, which we had at South-East and South-South-East; the Sea-breeze came up at East. Then we went about; and the Wind coming afterward at East-North-East, we had a large Wind to run us into *Batavia* Road: And at four in the Afternoon, we anchored in six Fathom soft Ooze.

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*The A. continues in Batavia Road, to refit, and to get Provisions. English Ships then in the Road. Departure from Batavia. Touch at the Cape of Good Hope. And at St. Helena. Arrival at the Island of Ascension. A Leak Sprung. Which being impossible to be stopped; the Ship is lost, but the Men saved. They find Water upon the Island. And are brought back to England.*

**W**E found in *Batavia Road* a great many Ships at anchor, most *Dutch*, and but one *English Ship* named the *Fleet-frigate*, commanded by one *Merry*. We rode a little without them all. Near the Shore lay a stout *China Junk*, and a great many small Vessels, *viz.* *Brigantines*, *Sloops* and *Malayan Proes* in abundance. As soon as I anchored, I sent my Boat aboard the *Fleet-frigate*, with orders to make them strike their

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their Pendant, which was done soon after the Boat went aboard. Then my Clerk, whom I sent in the Boat, went for the Shore, as I had directed him; to see if the Government would answer my Salute: But it was now near Night, and he had only time to speak with the *Ship-bander*, who told him that the Government would have answered my Salute with the same number of Guns, if I had fired as soon as I anchored; but that now it was too late. In the Evening my Boat came aboard, and the next Morning I my self went ashore, visited the *Dutch General*, and desir'd the Privilege of buying such Provision and Stores, as I now wanted; which he granted me.

I lay here till the 17th of *October* following, all which time we had very fair Weather, some *Tornadoes* excepted. In the mean time I supplied the *Carpenter* with such stores as were necessary for re-fitting the Ship; which prov'd more leaky after he had caulk'd her, then she was before: So that I was obliged to carreen her, for which purpose I hired *Vessels* to take in our Guns, Ballast, Provision and Stores.

The *English* Ships that arriv'd here from *England*, were first the *Liampo*, commanded by *Captain Monk*, bound for

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for *China*; next, the *Panther*, commanded by Captain *Robinson*; then the *Mancel* Frigate, commanded by Captain *Clerk*. All these brought good Tidings from *England*. Most of them had been unfortunate in their Officers; especially Captain *Robinson*, who said that some of them had been conspiring to ruin him and his Voyage. There came in also several *English* Country Vessels; first a Sloop from *Ben-jarr*, commanded by one *Russel*, bound to *Bengale*; next, the *Monsoon*, belonging to *Bengale*: She had been at *Malacca* at the same time that his Majesty Ship the *Harwich* was there: Afterwards came in also another small Ship from *Bengale*.

While we stay'd here, all the fore-named *English* Ships sailed hence; the two *Bengale* Ships excepted: Many *Dutch* Ships also came in here, and departed again before us. We had several reports concerning our Men of War in *India*, and much talk concerning Rovers who had committed several Spoils upon the Coast, and in the Streights of *Malacca*. I did not hear of any Ships sent out to quash them. At my first coming in, I was told that two Ships had been sent from *Amboyna* in quest of me; which was lately confirm'd by one of the Skip-pers, whom I by accident met with here.

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He told me they had three Protests against me ; that they came to *Pulo-Sabuda* on the Coast of *New Guinea* twenty-eight days after my departure thence, and went as far as *Scoutens* Island, and hearing no further News of me, return'd. Something likewise to this purpose Mr. *Merry*, Commander of the *Fleet-fragat*, told me at my first arrival here ; and that the General at *Batavia* had a Copy of my Commission and Instructions ; but I look'd upon it as a very improbable thing.

While we lay here, the *Dutch* held several Consultations about sending some Ships for *Europe* sooner than ordinary : At last the 16th of *October* was agreed upon for the day of Sailing, which is two Months sooner than usual. They lay ready two or three days before, and went out on the 10th. Their Names were, the *Ostresteen*, bound to *Zealand* ; the *Vanheusen*, for *Enchiehoust* ; and the three *Crowns*, for *Amsterdam*, commanded by Skipper *Jacob Uncright*, who was Commadore over all the rest. I had by this time finished my business here, viz. fitted the Ship, recruited my self with Provision, filled all my Water ; and the time of the Year to be going for *Europe* being now at hand, I prepar'd to be gone also.

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Accordingly on the 17th of *October*, at half an hour after six in the Morning, I weigh'd Anchor from *Batavia*, having a good Land-wind at South, and fair VVeather: And by the 19th at noon, came up with the three *Dutch* Ships before-mentioned. The 29th of *November* in the Morning we saw a small Hawk flying about the Ship till she was quite tired. Then she rested on the Mizen-Top-Sail-Yard, where we catch'd her. It is probable she was blown off from *Madagascar* by the violent Northerly Winds; that being the nighest Land to us, though distant near one hundred and fifty Leagues.

The 30th of *December*, we arrived at the *Cape of Good Hope*; and departed again on the 11th of *January* 1700. About the end of the Month, we saw abundance of Weeds or Blubber swim by us, for I cannot determine which. It was all of one Shape and Colour. As they floated on the VWater, they seem'd to be of the breadth of the Palm of a Mans Hand, spread out round into many Branches about the bigness of a Mans Finger. They had in the middle a little Knob, no bigger than the top of a Mans Thumb. They were of a Smoak-colour; and the Branches, by their pliantness in the Water, seem'd to be more simple than

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The 2d of *February*, we anchored in *St. Helena Road*, and set sail again from thence on the 13th.

On the 21st we made the Island of *Ascension*, and stood in towards it. The 22d between eight and nine a Clock, we sprung a Leak, which increased so that the Chain-pump could not keep the Ship free. Whereupon I set the Hand-pump to Work also, and by ten a Clock suck'd her. Then wore the Ship, and stood to the Southward, to try if that would ease her; and then the Chain-pump just kept her free. At five the next Morning we made Sail and stood in for the Bay; and at nine anchored in ten and a half Fathom, sandy Ground. The South-point bore South-South-West distance two miles, and the North-point of the Bay, North East half North, distance two miles. As soon as we anchored, I ordered the Gunner to clear his Powder-room, that we might there search for the Leak, and endeavour to stop it within board if possible; for we could not heel the Ship so low, it being within four streaks of the Keel; neither was there any convenient place to haul her ashore. I ordered the Boatswain to assist the Gunner; and by ten a Clock the

An. 1700: the Powder-room was clear. The Carpenters Mate, Gunner, and Boatswain went down ; and soon after I followed them my self, and ask'd them whether they could come at the Leak : They said they believed they might, by cutting the Cieling ; I told the Carpenters Mate (who was the only person in the Ship that understood any thing of Carpenters-work,) that if he thought he could come at the Leak by cutting the Cieling without weakning the Ship, he might do it ; for he had stopp'd one Leak so before ; which though not so big as this, yet having seen them both, I thought he might as well do this as the other. VVherefore I left him to do his best. The Ceiling being cut, they could not come at the Leak ; for it was against one of the *Foot-hook-Timbers*, which the Carpenters Mate said he must first cut, before it could be stopp'd. I went down again to see it, and found the VVater to come in very violently. I told them I never had known any such thing as cutting Timbers to stop Leaks ; but if they who ought to be best judges in such cases, thought they could do any good, I bid them use their utmost Care and Diligence, promising the Carpenters Mate that I would always be a Friend to him if he could and would stop it: He said, by four a Clock in the Afternoon

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Afternoon he would make all well, it being then about eleven in the Forenoon. In the Afternoon my Men were all employ'd, pumping with both Pumps; except such as assisted the Carpenter's Mate. About one in the Afternoon I went down again, and the Carpenter's Mate was cutting the After-part of the Timber over the Leak. Some said it was best to cut the Timber away at once; I bid them hold their Tongue, and let the Carpenter's Mate alone; for he knew best, and I hop'd he would do his utmost to stop the Leak. I desir'd him to get every thing ready for stopping the violence of the Water, before he cut any further; for fear it should over-power us at once. I had already ordered the Carpenter to bring all the Oakum he had, and the Boatswain to bring all the waste Cloaths, to stuff in upon occasion; and had for the same purpose sent down my own Bed-cloaths. The Carpenter's Mate said he should want short Stantions, to be placed so that the upper-end should touch the Deck, and the under-part rest on what was laid over the Leak; and presently took a length for them. I ask'd the Master-Carpenter what he thought best to be done: He replied, till the Leak was all open, he could not tell. Then he went away to make a

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Stantion, but it was too long : I ordered him to make many of several lengths, that we might not want of any size. So, once more desiring the Carpenter's Mate to use his utmost endeavours, I went up, leaving the Boatswain and some others there. About five a Clock the Boatswain came to me, and told me the Leak was increased, and that it was impossible to keep the Ship above Water ; when on the contrary I expected to have had the News of the Leak's being stopt. I presently went down, and found the Timber cut away, but nothing in readiness to stop the force of the Water from coming in. I ask'd them why they would cut the Timber, before they had got all things in readiness : The Carpenter's Mate answered, they could do nothing till the Timber was cut, that he might take the dimensions of the place ; and that there was a Chaulk which he had lined out, preparing by the Carpenter's Boy. I ordered them in the meantime to stop in Oakam, and some Pieces of Beef ; which accordingly was done, but all to little purpose : For now the Water gush'd in with such violence, notwithstanding all our Endeavours to check it, that it flew in over the Cieling ; and, for want of Passage out of the Room,

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over-flow'd It above two foot deep. I ordered the Bulk-head to be cut open, to give Passage to the Water that it might drain out of the Room; and withal ordered to clear away abaft the Bulk-head, that we might bail; So now we had both Pumps going, and as many bailing as could; and by this means the Water began to decrease; which gave me some hope of saving the Ship. I ask'd the Carpenter's Mate, what he thought of it; He said, *Fear not; for by ten a Clock at Night I'll engage to stop the Leak.* I went from him with a heavy Heart; but putting a good Countenance upon the Matter, encouraged my Men, who pump'd and bail'd very briskly; and, when I saw occasion, I gave them some Drams to comfort them. About eleven a Clock at Night, the Boatswain came to me, and told me, that the Leak still encreas'd; and that the Plank was so rotten, it broke away like Dirt; and that now it was impossible to save the Ship; for they could not come at the Leak, because the Water in the Room was got above it. The rest of the Night we spent in Pumping and Bailing. I worked my self to encourage my Men, who were very diligent; but the Water still encreas'd, and we now thought of nothing but saving our Lives. Wherefore I hoisted out the

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Boat ; that, if the Ship should sink, yet we might be saved : And in the Morning we weighed our Anchor, and warp'd in nearer the Shore ; yet did but little good.

In the Afternoon, with the help of a sea-breeze, I ran into seven fathom, and anchored ; then carried a small Anchor ashore, and warp'd in till I came into three fathom and a half. Where having fastned her, I made a Raft to carry the Mens Chests and Bedding ashore ; and, before eight at Night, most of them were ashore. In the Morning I ordered the Sails to be unbent, to make Tents ; and then my self and Officers went ashore. I had sent ashore a Puncheon, and a 36 Gallon Cask of Water, with one Bag of Rice for our common use : But great part of it was stolen away, before I came ashore ; and many of my Books and Papers lost.

On the twenty-sixth following, we, to our great comfort, found a Spring of fresh Water, about eight miles from our Tents, beyond a very high Mountain, which we must pass over : So that now we were, by God's Providence, in a condition of subsisting some time ; having plenty of very good Turtle by our Tents, and Water for the fetching. The next day I went up to

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to see the Watering-place, accompanied with most of my Officers. We lay by the way all Night, and next Morning early got thither; where we found a very fine Spring on the South-East side of the high Mountain, about half a mile from its top: But the continual Fogs make it so cold here, that it is very unwholsome living by the Water. Near this place, are abundance of Goats and Land-crabs. About two mile South-East from the Spring, we found three or four shrubby Trees, upon one of which was cut an Anchor and Cable, and the Year one thousand six hundred and forty-two. About half a Furlong from these, we found a convenient place for sheltering Men in any Weather. Hither many of our Men resorted; the hollow Rocks affording convenient Lodging; the Goats, Land-crabs, *Men of War Birds*, and Boobies, good Food; and the Air was here exceeding wholsome.

About a Week after our coming ashore, our Men that liv'd at this new Habitation, saw two Ships making towards the Island. Before Night they brought me the News; and I ordered them to turn about a score of Turtle, to be in readiness for their Ships if they should touch here: But before Morning they were out of sight, and

An. 1700. the Turtle were releas'd again. Here we continued without seeing any other Ship till the second of *April*; when we saw eleven Sail to Windward of the Island: But they likewise past by. The Day after appear'd four Sail, which came to anchor in this Bay. They were his Majesty's Ships the *Anglesey*, *Hastings* and *Lizard*; and the *Canterbury East-India* Ship. I went on board the *Anglesey* with about thirty-five of my Men; and the rest were dispos'd of into the other two Men of War.

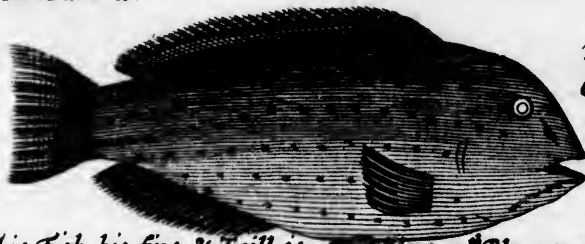
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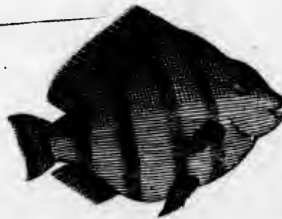
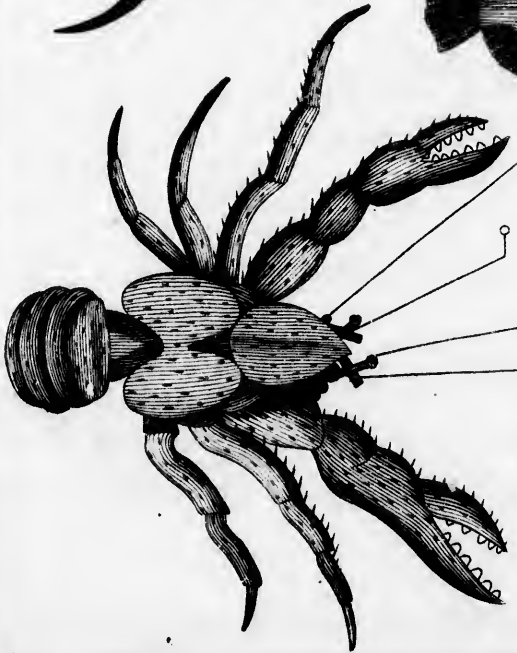
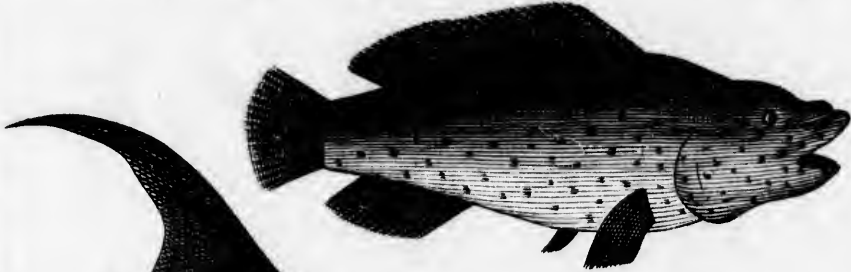
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